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Yours Truly
J. W. Donavin

DELAWARE, UNION AND MORROW COUNTIES, OHIO.

JOHN W. DONAVIN, deceased, formerly proprietor of the Hotel Donavin, Delaware, was born in Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th day of February, 1833, and died in Delaware, Ohio, June 28, 1893, in the sixty-first year of his age. He was the second son of Levi K. Donavin and Mary K. Donavin, *née* McConnell. His parents were born in the same village, his father in 1799, and his mother in 1800. His father died in 1882 in Delaware, and his mother passed away August 18, 1894, in her ninety-fourth year.

J. W. Donavin's forefathers came from the north of Ireland, counties Tyrone, Armagh and Down. The McConnells emigrated to the United States in 1713, spent a few years in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and then crossed the Susquehanna river, and settled on a tract of land containing four thousand four hundred acres, lying near the Conojoquimet creek, forty miles west of the Susquehanna river. The settlement of the region was very sparse at that day, and was made up principally of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, of which the head of this branch of the McConnell family, David McConnell, was a prominent and devoted member. On the banks of the creek running through his estate, he erected a flouring mill, in the year 1724, which was the first structure of the kind in that section of the Cumberland valley. He became a prominent and influential member of society and prospered in worldly as well as in spiritual affairs. David McConnell was twice married. Mr. Donavin's mother was a descendant of the third son of the second marriage. Her father's father was William McConnell, and her father bore the same name.

Two of the sons of William McConnell, Sr., were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. William McConnell, Jr. (Mary McConnell's father), was too young to enter the service. When the patriotic army was lying at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777, William McConnell, Sr., determined to visit the army that he might see his sons. Accordingly he put twenty-one barrels of flour into a large English wagon-bed (which he had imported) and started for Valley Forge, over a hundred miles distant. The weather was very severe, snow and intense cold prevailing. He delivered the flour and was given a receipt therefor, the flour being valued at £20 ($100) per barrel. When he met the

younger of his two sons in camp, he found him marking the snow with blood from his feet. The father took the boots from his own feet, and placed them on those of his suffering boy. Tying up his own feet with pieces of blankets, he started with his six-horse team for home. On reaching Harrisburg he was taken with the pleurisy, and runners were dispatched to carry the news of his illness to his wife, forty miles west. On hearing of the distress of her husband, the wife took her baby girl in her arms, got into the saddle and started for Harrisburg in a driving rain storm. On reaching the river the waters were so high that she was compelled to remain three days on the west bank, unable to communicate with Harrisburg. On the fourth day she rode upon a flat-boat and was ferried across the river. As she rode up the street of the town, she met a funeral. Stopping the driver of the hearse she inquired, "Whose body does that coffin contain?" The driver replied, "William McConnell's!" She turned her horse's head and took position immediately behind the hearse, and, with her baby girl asleep in her arms, followed the body of her husband to the grave and saw him buried. She did not long survive her husband, but within two years died, leaving three sons and a daughter. She was of the family "McCallister."

In the early forties a young man, a clerk in the State Auditor's Department of Pennsylvania, with a *penchant* for delving into musty records, discovered an open account in the books of the Colonial period, unsettled, in favor of William McConnell, amounting to $2,100, for twenty-one barrels of flour delivered to the Pennsylvania troops at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777. The attention of J. W. Donavin's father was called to this by the young clerk of the auditor's office, and Mr. Donavin, accompanied by the clerk, called on his father-in-law. The old gentleman was sitting on his front porch when the young clerk told him of his discovery, at the close of which Mr. McConnell said, "O, yes; that twenty-one barrels of flour marks an important incident in the history of my family—my father's death. I have the receipt in my secretary which was given for that load of flour." Rising from his seat he walked into his library and in a few minutes returned with the receipt. On learning of the incident, the member of the legislature from Cumberland called on Mr. McConnell and induced him to visit Harrisburg. The old gentleman was introduced to the House and the Senate. Immediately a bill was introduced directing the Auditor of State to draw his warrant for $2,100 in favor of William McConnell in payment for that flour. The rules were suspended and the law enacted, so that Mr. McConnell returned to his home in the evening with the $2,100 in his pocket.

The Donavin family came from county Armagh. They were landed gentry. John, the grandfather of J. W. Donavin, got mixed up in the Irish rebellion of 1797–8, and was compelled to leave the country. He arrived at Philadelphia in March, 1798, but remained in the city but a day or two, going to a point in Lancaster county, where he lived a short time and where he married Jane McElroy, who had accompanied to America her brother, Rev. William McElroy, an ordained priest of the Church of England, but who had quit the established church and was a follower of John Wesley. John Donavin had been converted when a boy of sixteen, under the immediate preaching of the great Wesley, and was personally

acquainted with the brothers, John and Charles. He accompanied Mr. Wesley on one of his trips through Ireland, and was full of sweet reminiscences of the founder of Methodism. He erected the first log church in which the Methodists worshiped in Shippensburg. He was full of piety and zeal, and his home was the home of the itinerant.

L. K. Donavin, J. W.'s father, was a highly honored citizen of the people with whom he was reared, sharing in the honors of local government, and was Postmaster of the town during the administration of James K. Polk. For years he was the foremost Methodist of Cumberland valley, and entertained the pastors, from the bishops to the humblest circuit riders. He spent the last twelve years of his life in Delaware, where he died in 1882.

It was from this sterling stock that John W. Donavin sprung. He had all the characteristics, strong qualities, and peculiar traits which distinguish the Scotch-Irish race. He was honest in all things, small as well as large, and in his dealings and intercourse with his fellow men, was innately prompted to justice; was fervent in his attachments, persevering in his intents, full of conscience, the approval of which he demanded for every action of his life, was fast in his friendships, loving and lovable, gentle and sympathetic, the latter always accompanied when necessary by tangible evidence of sincerity; was courageous without bravado, and tender without weakness. He was a complete exemplification of the lines,

> "The bravest are the tenderest,
> The loving are the daring."

John W. Donavin was a successful man in business. From his early youth he manifested a disposition for business pursuits. At the age of ten he insisted on his father letting him have money with which to make money. He was not in love with books, and attendance at school was akin to punishment. He acquired his lessons easily and rapidly, but still the work was irksome. He was always glad when Saturday came, and the preceding days of the week were employed in devising some matter of trade or pursuit whereby he could make money on Saturday. At the age of twelve he was in the live-stock and butchering business. His native town was located on the principal highway between the East and the West, and daily droves of swine, sheep and cattle passed through it. He would go out a mile or two on the road and meet the droves, with the hope of finding some animal that was lame or suffering from some temporary injury which care and attention would soon restore, and which could be bought at a figure much below its real value as a well animal. He secured pasture lots, and it was no unusual thing to see a number of crippled animals corraled and under his care. In this way he made money. When about seventeen years of age he went into his father's hat and cap store as a salesman. In another part of the town his father had a cigar manufactory. John was not long in picking up the business, and in a brief time he had a bench erected back of the counter in the hat and cap store, on which he rolled cigars. He was soon an expert cigar-maker. During these years and up to his leaving home, his pleasures were found in music and horseback riding. As a vocalist he excelled all other persons in the village. He was passionately fond of it, and selecting three companions he formed a quartet which was known from the Shenandoah to the Potomac. He was the best horseman in the valley, and was always in possession of a

saddle horse which obeyed not merely his command, but the nod of his head or the wave of his hand.

In 1853 he came West, stopping briefly at a number of points until he reached Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio. There his necessities compelled him to come to a permanent halt. He had but sixteen cents in his pocket. He sought work and found it in a woolen mill. He was unfamiliar with the work and about a week after his first employment he came near severing the fingers of his left hand while he operated a large pair of shears, which moved by machinery. His escape from the accident startled him. He held up his hand and soliloquized, "On you and your mate largely depend my success in life. Some other body may take the hazard of losing his fingers: I will not." He stopped the machinery, walked to the office and remarked, "I have resigned," assigning the reason for doing so. He found employment in a cigar manufactory run by Reuben Kendrick. In a brief time Kendrick and he became partners and the business was greatly enlarged. Mr. Donavin took charge of the sale department, and with a span of horses and a wagon he sold the entire out-put, covering all of northern Ohio and southern Michigan. In 1855 he returned to Shippensburg and married Laura C. Trone, who survives him. She was his boyhood's sweetheart and his manhood's wife, and in the thirty-nine years of their married life he never had a disloyal thought. In 1856 he retired from the firm of Kendrick & Donavin.

The Fremont campaign was on that year. There was a grand rally of Republicans in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Donavin had been a Democrat, but a visit to the valley of Virginia, where he witnessed slavery as it was, changed all his politics. He returned to his home an abolitionist. When the Republican party was formed he united himself to it. On the morning of the grand Republican rally, Mt. Vernon was filled with people. A man was present endeavoring to sell at a dollar a copy a large and well bound life of Fremont, which also contained fifty campaign songs. The man was doing but little business. Mr. Donavin stepped up to him saying, "Hand me one of those books, and I will show you how to sell them." He opened the volume and the first song was the tune, "Do they miss me at home." Turning a box over he jumped on top of it and in a voice "sweet as silver bells" he commenced singing. In a few minutes several thousand people had gathered around him, and in less than one hour the stock of books was all sold. Among those who gathered to listen was George B. Potwin, the largest wholesale and retail dealer in groceries in the town. As Mr. Donavin stepped from the box, Potwin came up and said, "Donavin, what are you engaged in?" "Selling the life of Fremont," he replied with a laugh. "When does your engagement close?" "To-morrow after the speaking at Fredericktown." "Well," remarked Potwin, "I need you in my business." "I'll call on you to-morrow night," replied Mr. Donavin. On that night business arrangements were made between the two men, which lasted until within a few days of the death of Mr. Potwin, first as head clerk, then as partner and conductor of the retail store, and afterward, in the spring of 1864, in the establishment of a branch store in Delaware with Mr. Donavin in control.

In 1873, at the instance of the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau of the Methodist

Episcopal Church, he went into the Southern States and organized a troupe of colored Jubilee Singers to raise money to complete the Central Tennessee College buildings at Nashville. The troupe organized and drilled, he brought it North and commenced a most successful tour. "Donavin's Original Tennesseeans" became famous throughout all the land. He sent $18,000 to the college, which completed the college buildings, and in May, 1876, this work was accomplished; and the members of the troupe being anxious to continue their pursuit, Mr. Donavin reoganized them and conducted the concerts for his own benefit.

In 1882 he purchased a one-half interest in the American House property, and two years later, in conjunction with his sons, L. K. and George B. Donavin, he purchased the other half. In 1885 the building was thoroughly remodeled and greatly improved and in August of that year, under the firm name of J. W. Donavin & Sons, it was opened for business under the name of "Hotel Donavin," with Mr. Donavin and his sons in charge. John W. Donavin was a "host" in the full meaning of the word. His aim was to make the hotel a home for the traveling public, and no man ever succeeded better. He was unusually beloved by the traveling commercial life. When a guest who was a frequent visitor of the house entered and J. W. had not met him, the registry was scarcely completed when the question came, "Where is the old gentleman?" His guests were his friends, and many of them, not having heard of his death, when in answer to the almost invariable inquiry they were informed that he was dead, manifested the most profound and tenderest sorrow, many of them weeping like children. His death was from apoplexy. Its suddenness shocked the community. As the news spread rapidly through the town, it aroused the deepest sympathy in all hearts. His departure developed the beauty of his life. Scores of the poor who had been the recipients of his benevolence came to weep at his bier and mourn their loss. His left hand had not known what his right one had done, and death was necessary to prove the sweetness of his everyday walk. None mourned him more than the youth of the city. He had touched their lives and they were better and stronger that John W. Donavin had lived. Telegrams and letters from all parts of the country came from traveling men, expressing sorrow and sympathy, many of them assuring the family that their success in life was largely owing to the counsel and tenderness they had received from him. He was an earnest, honest Republican, and though not given to seeking office, he was not averse to the appreciation of the confidence of his party friends. In 1887 he was Republican nominee for Senator in the district. His plurality in Delaware county was 1,056, while the normal plurality of his party was 350.

He was strong in his convictions, but was not intolerant. Was always firm in the defense of right, but there was no room in his heart for revenge. With him forgiveness was a cardinal virtue, and compassion and pity dwelt in him as constant guests. Flattery could not cajole him into compromise, nor power awe him into silence. All men were his brothers, when their cause was just, and all sufferings were his own when they arose from affliction, misfortune or disaster. It may be truly said that "he wept with those that wept, and rejoiced with those who rejoiced." He attracted the

young who were struggling with the contrary currents of life, as the sun lifts the flower which the storm has prostrated. Young people loved him because they felt that his strong arms were ready to sustain them. He was always cheerful, Loving God, and trusting to the uttermost in the saving power of the "Man of Sorrows," there was no moment of his life when he was not ready to attest the cause of the Master. On one occasion when surrounded by friends who were rejoicing over a political victory, he was urged to sing a song. He complied, and the song was,

"Jesus, lover of my soul."

As his rich voice poured forth the exalted melody, his auditors burst into tears. He was never looking for special blessings, but constantly prayed for general ones. He was without envy or jealousy, and rejoiced in the prosperity of every man he knew. He was an affectionate son, a devoted husband, a kind, indulgent father, a tender, sympathizing brother, a good citizen, a distinct man, and an humble, patient, Christian gentleman. John W. Donavin lived a life of usefulness and died lamented by a community.

DAVID W. HENDERSON.—The record of a busy life, a successful life, must ever prove fecund in interest and profit as scanned by the student who would learn of the intrinsic essence of individuality; who will attempt an analysis of character and trace back to the fountain head the widely diverging channels which mark the onward flow, the constantly augmentive progress, if we may be permitted to use the phrase, of such individuality. All human advancement, all human weal or woe; in short, all things within the mental ken, are but mirrored back from the composite individuality of those who have lived. "The proper study of mankind is man," says Pope, and aside from this, in its broader sense, what base of study and information have we?

Genealogical research, then, has its value, be it the tracing of an obscure and broken line, or the following back the course of a noble and illustrious lineage, whose men have been valorous, whose women of gentle refinement. We of this end-of-the-century, democratic type cannot afford to scoff at or to hold in light esteem the bearing up of a 'scutcheon upon whose fair face appears no sign of blot, and he should be thus the more honored who honors a noble name and the memory of noble deeds.

The lineage of the subject of this review is one of distinguished and most interesting order, and no apology need be made in reverting to this in connection with the record of the individual accomplishment of the subject himself. Dr. David W. Henderson, who stands forth as one of the most able and honored physicians and surgeons of Union county, Ohio, has been a resident of said county from his boyhood days, though he is a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, where he was born on the paternal farmstead, Octocber 4, 1823, the son of John and Anna (Jack) Henderson.

The Henderson family is of Scotch origin. The great-grandfather of our subject was one Hugh Henderson, a prominent resident of the town of Fordell, county of Fife, Scotland. Three sons of this ancestor, Alexander, William and John, came to the American colony of Virginia about the middle of the seventeenth century. After their arrival the three brothers became separated,

locating in different colonies and thus being lost sight of by the original family in Scotland. They were disinherited by their family in Scotland by reason of their supporting the Colonial cause, each of them having participated in the war of the Revolution. One is supposed to have settled in Kentucky; another to have remained in Virginia, though his family in time scattered through northeast Georgia and Texas; while the third, the grandfather of our subject, took up his abode in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, near Chambersburg. The male line of the original house, as represented by Robert Bruce Henderson, has become extinct in Scotland, but the name is being perpetuated by George William Mercer, son of Douglas Mercer, the former of whom married one of the women of the Henderson family and who assumed the name of Henderson by royal license. George W. (Mercer) Henderson is Lieutenant General and Colonel of the Sixty-eighth British Foot. The Henderson family is of ancient Scotch origin, and has been from time immemorial siezed of estates in Cathness and Fife. One of the first baronetcies was held by a member of the family. Sir Robert Bruce Henderson, of Fordell, was the last Baronet, having been successively Member of Parliament for the counties of Fife and Sterling. The family was allied with the famous houses of Stuart, Calderwood, Clerk, Hamilton, Chalmers, St. Clair (or Sinclair), Laing and others. The family has always been prominent in a military line, having furnished to the British army, navy and honorable East India service more gallant soldiers than probably any other one Scottish family, being distinctively a race of patriots. Upon the crest of the coat-of-arms of the family appears the motto: "Tola Virtus Nobilitat," (Our valor alone ennobles us).

On the maternal side the ancestry of our subject traces back to the north of Ireland. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Henderson was James Jack, who came from Ireland to America when a lad of fourteen years, locating in New Jersey, and subsequently removing to Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He served in the war of the Revolution.

John Henderson, father of our subject, was born near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1780, and passed his boyhood days with an uncle, who was a Presbyterian clergyman. He remained with this uncle until he had attained his majority, and in the succeeding year he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Jack, soon thereafter settling on a farm of 222 acres, owned by his wife and located in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. Their nearest neighbors were eight miles distant, though there were many Indians in the immediate vicinity. They remained there until 1837, when they came to Ohio, locating one mile south of Watkins, Union county, where Mr. Henderson purchased 160 acres of land, and where he remained until his death, which occurred September 15, 1847, at which time he had attained the age of sixty-seven years and eight months. His widow died in 1869, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. They were old Scotch Presbyterians in their religious faith; in his political views the father was a stanch Democrat of the Jeffersonian type, and was often importuned to accept public preferments but as often declined. Of the family of children we offer the following epitomized record: Margaret H., wife of Thomas McKee, of Brookville, Pennsylvania, is de-

ceased; James died at the age of twenty-one years; John, who was engaged in farming in Indiana, is deceased; Sarah A., wife of David Gill, is deceased; Joseph, a resident of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, has been prominently identified with the political affairs of said county, having held many important offices; Jane, widow of William Liggett, is now a resident of Denver, Colorado; Levinah is the wife of S. B. Woodburn, of Marysville, Ohio; David W. is the subject of this review; William C. resides on the old home farm in Union county; Mary E. is the wife of Charles McCampbell, of Indiana.

David W. Henderson was a lad of thirteen years when his parents removed to this county, and upon the parental farm he remained, assisting in the duties of the same. He attended the public school in Marysville for two years and then secured a two years' course of instruction in the Marysville Academy, an institution of considerable note in an early day. He then attended school at Delaware, Ohio, one year, and on the 12th of May, 1847, he enlisted for service in the Mexican war, becoming a member of company E, Fourth Regiment, under command of Colonel Brough, serving until July, 1848. Within this time he encountered some hard service and made an honorable record as a valiant soldier. On his return home he, in company with his brother William, bought out the interest of the other heirs to the old home place, the father having died within his absence. A few weeks subsequent to this he sold his interest in the estate to his brother William, after which he went to Delaware, Ohio, where he entered the office of Dr. Ralph Hills, with whom he read medicine for three years, after which he became a student in the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, and graduated in the class of 1852, the first class graduated at the present college building.

After his graduation he located in Marysville, where he has ever since remained in the active practice of his profession. It is particularly interesting to note that Dr. Henderson now occupies the position as the pioneer physician of the little city, claiming professional seniority over all other practitioners. His life has been an active one and one which has gained to him a high place in the esteem and affection of the people of the community, who value his worth of character not less than his professional ability.

At the outbreak of the late civil war he was made Surgeon of the Ninety-sixth regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, receiving his commission in September, 1862, and serving until April 8, of the following year, when his resignation, on account of disability, took effect, though he had served beyond its date of acceptance, which was in April, 1863. Since that time his practice, which has been one of representative order, has been uninterrupted.

The marriage of our subject occurred December 29, 1857, when he espoused Miss Anna Hathaway, daughter of Ebenezer P. Hathaway, and a native of Union county, where she was born October 21, 1836. They have two children living: Lutrelle, who is a graduate of Starling Medical College, class of 1886, and who is associated with his father in practice; and Graily, who graduated at Starling Medical College in 1893, and who has now entered into active practice with his father and elder brother. William died at the age of three years, and the fourth child, a daughter, died in infancy. Dr. Lutrelle Henderson was united in marriage, October 26, 1887, to Miss Lottie D.

Dolbear, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Dolbear, of Marysville; Dr. Graily Henderson married Miss Ida Turner, daughter of Velorus and Louisa Richey Turner, of this city, the date of the ceremonial having been June 20, 1894. Both of the sons of our subject are thoroughly informed in the line of their profession, and in the character and extent of their practice are taking rank with those who have been in the field for years. In August, 1893, Dr. Lutrelle Henderson was appointed a member of the Board of Pension Examiners for Union county, and received incidental preferment as Secretary of the Board. Fraternally he is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta college order and politically he is a Democrat. In addition to other technical preparation for his professional work, he completed a special course in chemistry at the State University.

In his fraternal relations our subject is identified with the Masonic Order, being a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 158; Marysville Chapter, No. 99; and Raper Commandery, No. 19, of Urbana, Ohio. He is also a prominent member of Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R.

Our subject is an honored member of the State Medical Society and he is the only physician referred to in Union county in the Record of the Prominent Surgeons of the United States.

GENERAL J. S. JONES.—Back to that cradle of our national history, the "Old Dominion," must we turn in tracing the lineage of the honored resident of Delaware, Ohio, whose name initiates this review. We find that William H. Jones, a native of Virginia, and doubly orphaned while still a child, left Westmoreland county, that State, when a youth of fourteen years (in the year 1818) and came to Ohio for the purpose of making for himself a home and a place in the great economy of human activities. Though a mere boy he entered claim to eighty acres of land in Johnston township, Champaign county, Ohio, and with an undaunted courage prepared to bring the same to a point of yielding returns for labor expanded. To the securing of this unimproved claim he applied the first $100 which he had been enabled to earn. Time and consecutive toil brought about the desired end,—he cleared up the farm and eventually brought the same to a high state of cultivation, there passing his declining years in peace and comfort. Having established a primitive abode upon his farm the young man next sought a companion to share his lot. Accordingly, at the age of nineteen years, he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Sills, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and about the same age as himself. The young couple, scarcely more than children, established themselves upon their place and calmly prepared to "face a frowning world." There they lived, prospered in a material way, reared a family of four sons and four daughters and there fell into that rest which is eternal,—their life work ended, their course well run.

Such in brief is a record of the parentage of General J. S. Jones, to whose individual biography we now direct attention. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, February 12, 1836, passing his boyhood years upon the parental farm and in attending the district schools. March 3, 1853, at the age of seventeen years, he entered the preparatory department of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and by ap-

plying himself to such manual labor as he could secure in and about the town, he succeeded in defraying the expenses of his college course,—showing great self denial, living with extreme frugality and bending every effort to the accomplishment of the desired end, a good education. He graduated, in the scientific course, June 13, 1855, and then turned his attention with equal vigor to preparing himself for his chosen profession, that of law. He prosecuted his studies in the office of Powell & Vandeman, at Delaware, and was admitted to the bar in 1857.

Recognition of his ability and of his eligibility for a position of public trust came in 1860, when he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Delaware county. The dark cloud of the civil war soon cast its gruesome pall over the national horizon and, in 1861, Mr. Jones resigned his official position to go forth in the defense of his country, enlisting, on April 16, of that year, in Company C, Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was soon elected First Lieutenant of his company, his commission dating from the day of his enlistment. That he saw much of active service and that he never flinched from duty, is shown in his war record. He participated in the battles of Rich Mountain, July 10 and 11, 1861; Romney, October 26; and Blue Gap, January 7, 1862. March 11, 1862, he was assigned to duty on the staff of General James Shields, after which he was in the following memorable engagements: Winchester, March 22 and 23, 1862; Mount Jackson, April 17; Port Royal, May 25; Port Republic, June 9; Fredericksburg, December 18; Chancellorsville, May 2 and 3, 1863; Gettysburg, July 2 and 3; Mine Run, April 27 and 30; Poe River, May 14, 1864; North Anna River, May 22, 23, 24; Cold Harbor, June 3.

Lieutenant Jones was promoted to a Captaincy September 25, 1862, and as such was mustered out with his regiment June 21, 1864. Within the same year he was nominated by acclamation as the Republican candidate for Representative of Delaware county in the State Legislature. This position he resigned on September 21st of that year to accept the appointment of Colonel of the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated with his regiment in the following engagements: Decatur, Alabama, October 28, 29, 30, 1864; Over-alls Creek (near Murfreesboro, Tennessee), December 4; Shelbyville Pike (in the vicinity of the same city), December 7; Kingston, North Carolina, March 10, 1865.

On the 27th of June, 1865, he was brevetted Brigadier General for "gallant and meritorious service during the war." The great conflict having been brought to a close and the supremacy of the Union forces determined, General Jones was mustered out July 27, 1865.

Crowned with laurels won by patriotic services upon the field of battle, our subject directed his attention once more to the accomplishment of the no less renowned victories of peace. He returned to his home at Delaware, and on the 2d of April, 1866, he was honored by his townsmen by election to the office of Mayor. In October of the same year he was once more elected Prosecuting Attorney of Delaware county, to which position he was twice re-chosen as his own successor, finally refusing the third renomination in 1872.

He was appointed, in 1872, trustee of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home,

one of the most noble institutions of the State, with which he has been officially connected from the time of its inception to the present, being now president of the board of trustees, and ever maintaining a lively interest in the success of the home. In 1873 there was conferred upon the General by his *alma mater* the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He was Presidential Elector on the Grant and Wilson ticket in 1872, representing the Ninth Congressional District of Ohio. In the Centennial year he was elected a member of the Forty-fifth Congress, as Representative from the same district, proving himself a discriminating and conservative legislator. At the close of his first term in Congress he was the victim of a "gerrymander," by which his county was placed in a district overwhelmingly Democratic. He was a member of the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth General Assemblies of the State, serving during four years as chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

August 8, 1865, General Jones was united in marriage, at Delaware, Ohio, to Miss Louise S. Campbell, a native of Knox county. They are the parents of three children, of whom we offer brief record as follows: Clara L., who graduated at Vassar College in 1887, is at present preceptress of the East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island; William Bernard graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1889, and is a member of the law firm of Jones, Lytle & Jones, having been admitted to the bar in March, 1892; Carroll H., also a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, is reading law in the office of the firm of which his father and brother are members.

General Jones has gained a marked precedence in his profession, and his labors have been brought to successful issue,—standing in evidence of his ability and of the confidence begotten of careful methods. His life has been a superlatively active one and an equally useful one, and there is not need that more be written than is shadowed forth in the epitome of his life here offered. In his fraternal relations the General is identified with the F. & A. M., the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion.

PHILIP SNIDER.—At this point we are permitted to touch upon the life history of one who, if for no other reason, merits recognition in the connection by reason of nearly a life-long residence in Union county, of which he may well be termed a pioneer. But superinduced to this circumstance are others which render the appearance of his biography within these pages all the more consistent. Suffice it to say, in general terms, that Mr. Snider stands forth distinctively as one of the representative men of the county, as will be shown by even the epitome which follows.

The parents of our subject were Peter and Catherine (Goodhart) Snider, the former of whom was a native of Bavaria, Germany, where he was born in October, 1791. When but eight years of age he came with his father and his elder brother, John P., to America. It is supposed that they located at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, soon after their arrival, and there Peter Snider grew to manhood. Attaining mature years he was united in marriage to Catherine Goodhart, a native of the Keystone State. After this important event in the lives of the young couple the husband assumed the conjugal responsibilities, engaging in huxtering,

which occupation he followed for a number of years, after which he assumed the keeping of a tavern, known as the Gap Hill Tavern, and located fifteen miles below Lancaster. Later he was keeper of a tavern near New Holland, ten miles east of Lancaster. In 1833 he resigned the management of this hostelry and came to Union county, Ohio, locating 150 acres of land three miles south of Marysville. He first purchased 100 acres, paying for the same at the rate of three dollars per acre; shortly afterward he secured an additional fifty acres continguous to the original purchase, paying six dollars per acre for the same. The 100-acre tract was partially cleared and had an orchard of young trees, but no improvements in the way of buildings. He promptly began the erection of a house of hewed logs, and in this primitive domicile the family took up their residence. They arrived in May and the following September the purchase of the additional fifty acres was made, the same having a comfortable log house, an orchard and other improvements.

Peter Snider remained upon this farm until 1841 or '42, when the family removed to Hannibal, Missouri, leaving our subject on the old home farm, over which he remained in charge until 1846, when he removed to Marysville, as will be noted later on. In the following year he effected a sale of the farm, acting as agent for his father.

The mother of our subject died, in Union county, the fall after her arrival here, and the father, after his removal to Missouri, remained there until 1849,—the year which marked the great gold excitement in California,—when he became affected with the "fever" and joined the great throng moving over the weary stretch of plains and struggling through the perilous mountain passes en route to the new Eldorado. He finally reached the Golden State and at once made his way to the diggings, there to commence his search for the precious metal. A man of fifty-eight years at the time, he endured the manifold vicissitudes so familiar to the old "Forty-niners," meeting with considerable success in his quest for gold, and accumulating quite a snug sum. But fortune smiled for a moment only to frown for an hour, for he was attacked with the scurvy, and in his efforts to free himself from this loathsome disease he succeeded in expending all his hard-earned money, finding himself, in the year 1855, literally penniless in a strange land. Desirous of returning to his home in Missouri, he was not able to raise even sufficient funds to defray the expense of the long trip, but was finally favored in securing a loan from an old friend whom he chanced to meet on the streets of San Francisco. The funds thus secured proved sufficient to transport him as far as Nicaragua, where, in order to secure means to enable him to complete his eventful journey, he entered the employ of the Government, assisting in putting down the insurrection of the natives. In due time he arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, and there passed the remainder of his days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Philip Thomas, his demise occuring in June, 1863.

Peter and Catherine Snider were the parents of seven children, of whom we make brief record as follows: Philip is the subject of this review: Henry, a farmer, died in Missouri; Mary Ann, wife of Philip Thomas, died in St. Louis, Missouri; Louisa C. died at Modesto, California; David died in Missouri; Epha, widow of Frederick Storch, is a resident of LaCrosse, Wisconsin;

Susan, a resident of Modesto, California, is the widow of Ruhl C. Gridley, who attained a wide reputation from his connection with the sanitary commission at St. Louis, Missouri, being particularly referred to by Mark Twain in his "Roughing it at Silver City." Mr. Gridley was the man who was defeated for Mayor at the first municipal election of Silver City, and as the unsuccessful candidate he carried out his part in the way of a previous wager on results, carrying a sack of flour from a certain point to another at some considerable distance. This flour was sold and resold by Mr. Gridley until a phenomenal sum was raised, and this fund he turned over to the sanitary commission, the incident being familiar to all who have read the book mentioned.

Philip Snider, the direct subject of this sketch, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1817, being reared principally on a farm. His parents being in modest circumstances he was limited in the educational advantages afforded, attending the subscription schools as much as means would permit. After coming to Union county he secured about thirty days' schooling and this practically completed his theoretical educational training. However a retentive memory and a keen power of observation proved adequate to enable him to secure by absorption, as it were, a thorough business education, which, supplemented by subsequent reading and interest in affairs, has made him a man of broad general information. He remained on the paternal farm and assisted his father in making a home; after he had attained his majority he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Burns, daughter of John and Mary Magdalena Burns, the nuptial ceremony being celebrated on Christmas day, 1838. After his marriage he continued his residence on the farm until 1846, when he removed into Marysville, which has ever since been his home.

In the spring of 1843 Mr. Snider was elected Justice of the Peace in Darby township, an office to which he was re-elected in the spring of 1846. In October of the same year a still more notable official preferment was accorded him, in his election to the office of Sheriff of Union county, to which he was re-elected as his own successor in 1848. In 1860 he was again chosen to the shrievalty of the county. In the premises it is interesting to note the fact that Mr. Snider is the only Democrat who has ever held the office of Sheriff of Union county, and the only individual who has filled the office for three terms. In his political proclivities he has been a life-long Democrat.

January 19, 1849, Mr. Snider purchased an interest in the dry-goods business conducted at Marysville by the firm of Castle & Kinkade, succeeding to the interest of the former. The firm title thereupon became P. Snider & Company, and still later Snider & Kinkade, which name and association continued in force until 1878, when our subject secured the entire control of the business, which has since been conducted under his individual name. The line handled in the salesrooms comprises a complete assortment of dry goods, carpets, hats, caps, etc., the establishment being recognized as one of the representative mercantile places in the county. In August, 1890, Mr. Snider assisted in the organization of the Union Banking Company, of Marysville, being chosen at the inception as president of the corporation,—an office which he has held consecutively up to the present time. He

is the heaviest stockholder in the institution, controlling fifty shares of $100 each.

Mr. Sider has contributed in a conspicuous degree to the substantial upbuilding and improvement of the little city of which he has so long been an honored resident, having erected several business blocks and other structures devoted to semi-public purposes. He still retains an interest in and connection with agricultural pursuits, owning an excellent farm of 114 acres in the vicinity of the town. His career has been attended by a full measure of sucess and it is beyond cavil that this is the direct result of his own efforts, his well directed industry, native talent and unswering integrity, since he started out in life with nothing save willing hands and a stout heart and has realized his fondest hopes in making for himself an honorable and useful place in the world. He was made a member of the I. O. O. F. at the first meeting of the Marysville lodge, which was organized in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Snider have been members of and intimately identified with the Presbyterian Church since 1842.

In the final paragraph of this sketch we shall refer briefly to the six children of our subject: John F., died in 1885, leaving a widow and four children; Henry L., deceased, served for two years in the late war, making three enlistments, the last with Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Adam is associated with his father in the store: he married Miss Anna R. Hopkins, a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and they have four children: he also served in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting June 22, 1863, in Company B, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and being mustered out at Cleveland, February 10, 1864: he re-enlisted, February 13, 1865, and was mustered out at Macon, Georgia, January 20, 1866; Louisa C. is the wife of J. B. F. Smart, of Marysville; Charles W., who is connected with his father's mercantile establishment, married Miss Susan E. Bowersmith, a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and they have six children; Mary is the wife of Rally Howard, of Marysville, and is the mother of three children. The attractive family home of our subject is located on North Main street.

REV. FREDERICK MERRICK, D. D. L. L. D., who for many years was connected with the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, and who was one of the best known figures in that city, was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, January 29, 1810, and was reared on the farm, his father being a New England farmer. During a portion of each year he attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and later secured a position in a mercantile establishment, becoming one of its proprietors ere he had attained his majority. Soon after, feeling that he was called to a different vocation, he commenced a course of study preparatory to entering the Christian ministry. His studies were prosecuted in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut. Upon leaving the university he was elected principal of the New York Conference Seminary, located at Amenia, Dutchess county, New York, and after spending three years at that place, he accepted a professorship in the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, where he remained until 1842. Then for one year, he was pastor of a church in Marietta, Ohio, after which he was appointed

agent for the Ohio Wesleyan University and continued his connection with the same until his death. He served for two years as agent, fourteen as professor, thirteen as president, and during the remainder of the time was lecturer on natural and revealed religion.

As a citizen of Delaware he was connected with all those interests calculated to aid in the upbuilding of the city and with everything conserving the progress of the county. His first plan, when abandoning mercantile pursuits, was to enter the ministry, and this he did, but educational work seem to be his special forte and in that field of labor he was most successful. It was largely through his instrumentality that the Ohio Wesleyan University was placed on a solid financial basis and made to rank with the leading schools of the State. It was also largely through him that the cause of Methodism grew to its present standing. His labors have been untiring and the lives of many men and women throughout the country attest his Christian and helpful influence.

Doctor Merrick was married in April, 1836, to a lady whom he first met as a fellow student in Wilbraham Seminary, Miss Fidelia Griswold, of Suffield, Connecticut. Their married life of nearly fifty years, was uneventful but very happy, and together they traveled life's journey until July, 1883, when the loved wife was called to the home beyond. Alone the husband walked until March 5, 1894, when the summons came to him and he went to rejoin the companion with whom the greater part of his early career was passed. He left behind an unsullied reputation, and in the hearts of his many friends the memory of his good deeds will long linger as an encouragement in times of prosperity and of help in days of adversity.

REV. WILLIAM G. WILLIAMS, LL. D., Professor in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, February 25, 1822. His parents, Samuel Williams, and Margaret (Troutner) Williams, were both natives of Pennsylvania, but came with their parents to Ohio early in the century. The father was appointed clerk in the General Land Office, at Washington, about 1812, and, when the capitol was burned by the British in 1814, he was instrumental in saving the records of the office. Subsequently, before the close of the war, he served in two campaigns in Ohio. A few years later, his friend, Gov. Tiffin, of Chillicothe, was appointed Surveyor General of the Northwestern States and invited Mr. Williams to become his chief clerk. This position Mr. Williams held under many administrations for nearly forty years; and in this time planned and superintended the Government surveys in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa. From his long services, he became the best informed man in the country on all matters connected with the United States surveys in these States; and his testimony was sought in cases of doubt or litigation. In 1828 the office was moved to Cincinnati, whither Mr. Williams accompanied it, and where he died in 1859, aged seventy-three years. His widow lived to the advanced age of ninety-three, and when she died, of an accident, in Springfield, Ohio, in 1883, her faculties were still unimpaired.

The subject of this sketch was a boy of six years when the family moved to Cincinnati. Here he lived till 1844. For some years he was a clerk with his father in the Surveyor General's office, under General Robert T. Lytle, the father of the late Gen-

eral William H. Lytle, with whom the young Williams was for years a playmate and intimate companion. The young clerk's salary and earnings by extra work more than paid his way through college. In 1844, at the age of twenty-two, he graduated at "Old Woodward," a school which commanded respect for the character of its faculty and the excellence of its teaching.

The year of his graduation he was elected to a professorship in San Augustine College, Texas, and also to the principalship of the preparatory department in the Ohio Wesleyan University. The latter position he accepted, and in November of that year came to his new home in Delaware. Here he has since lived, now fifty years, in one continuous service, in the Ohio Wesleyan University. He is now, in 1894, the only member left of the first faculty in the service of the institution. His colleagues, Dr. Frederick Merrick and Dr. L. D. McCabe, both older men than himself, came to the university one year later. These three venerable teachers, respectively eighty-four, seventy-seven, and seventy-three years of age, stood side by side, in this university, for forty-nine years,—an instance of long co-service in college work without a parallel, perhaps, in any Western college. Doctor Merrick died in March, 1894.

In 1847, Mr. Williams was elected to the adjunct professorship of languages, and in 1850 to the full professorship of the Greek and Latin languages. Later he gave regular instruction, for many years, in Hebrew, and also, for a time, in German. In 1864 the Latin language was separated from his chair, which was thence forward styled "The Wright Professorship of the Greek Language and Literature;" and in 1872 he was appointed acting "Chrisman Professor of Biblical Literature." These chairs bear the honored names of John R. Wright, Esq., of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Eliza Chrisman, now of Topeka, Kansas, who severally endowed them. The duties incidental to both these chairs he has since performed.

In 1873 Mr. Williams, unexpectedly to himself, was elected to a chair in the new Ohio State University at Columbus, at a much larger salary than he was receiving in Delaware. While he was holding the acceptance under consideration, Mr. Wright generously increased the special endowment of the Greek chair, and negotiated for his release from the State University.

Mr. Williams has been secretary of the Board of Trustees of the university for nearly fifty years, and was treasurer of the University for thirty-five years. He was a member of the Delaware City School Board for twenty-one years, and for about the same length of time he was one of the Board of County School Examiners. He also served for three years as one of the State Board of School Examiners. His merits as a scholar and an educator have not been unrecognized in his own State. In 1847 he received the degree of Master of Arts, *in cursu*, from Woodward College, and the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Miami University. In 1872 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Baldwin University. During the last twenty-five years his summer vacations have been largely devoted to work in teachers' institutes in the various counties of the State. In institute work his favorite topic is English grammar, to which subject he has given unremitting study during his whole professional life. His presentation of the subject is entirely original, his methods logical, and his conclusions clear and cer-

tain. In 1887 he published an English grammar, embodying his teachings, and this text book has received most favorable mention from many of the foremost scholars of the country.

Mr. Williams became a member of the Central Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1856, and for twenty-eight years filled the office of Secretary of that body, and until he declined further re-election. The minutes of the conference edited by him during that time fill seven large octavo volumes.

When Governor Brough, in 1864, offered the Government 40,000 of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry for an "hundred-days' service" Mr. Williams went out as Chaplain of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment. The regiment was posted at Arlington Heights, opposite the city of Washington. It was during this summer that the famous Arlington Military Cemetery was opened on General Lee's place; and in the noble forest where the first graves were dug Mr. Williams conducted his first services as Chaplain.

Soon after Mr. Williams came to Delaware he bought a tract of several acres on the western border of the town, along side of the place of his life-long friend and neighbor, Dr. Merrick. This lot then had no house between it and the college campus; but is now quite within the city, which has grown far to the south and west of it. Here at a distance from the street, he built his house, and planted a large fruit orchard as a screen from the street. In this quiet retreat his family has been reared; here he has passed through the various vicissitudes of joy and sorrow incident to the experiences of a life of fifty years.

In 1847 Mr. Williams married Miss Mary Ann Davis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a woman of rare personal charms, and always a social favorite. Three sons and three daughters were the fruit of this union, of whom all have left the family home, and are all happily engaged in the work of life, except the second daughter, who died in 1891. Seven grandchildren have been added to the family roll. Mrs. Williams died of a lingering illness in 1872. In 1877 Mr. Williams was married a second time to Miss Delia A. Lathrop, of Syracuse, New York, at that time principal of the Cincinnati Normal School. Two sons have been born of this marriage. Mrs. Williams has for twelve years been engaged in the work of instruction in the university. She is widely known also as an active worker and speaker in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the Methodist Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the William Street Methodist Church; and both have for many years been workers in the Sunday school.

The year 1894 was the Jubilee of the university, and of Mr. Williams' services, which began at the organization of the institution. This fiftieth anniversary of the university was celebrated by a great concourse of its friends, including several hundred of its alumni, some of whom, now themselves old men and full of honors, came across the continent to join in the celebration. Exercises appropriate to the occasion extended through commencement week. The senior professors, Dr. McCabe and Mr. Williams, received many congratulations for their long service, including a special vote of thanks from the Board of Trustees. On Memorial Day Mr. Williams delivered a historical address, which was published in full in the college and city papers. Since then, at the request of the trustees and the faculty, he

has written a full history of the University. This history is published in the Tenth Quinquiennial Catalogue of the university.

In personal appearance Mr. Williams is of medium height, some what stout in build, of light complexion and blue eyes. He is now quite bald and his beard is snowy white. In disposition he is quiet, gentle, unaggressive and reticent; but where principle is concerned the mountains themselves are not more firm. He is especially notable for an ardent attachment to his friends, for extreme caution in the adverse criticism of people, for personal integrity and uprightness of character, for perfect fearlessness of consequences in matters of duty, and for his hospitality. He is never so happy as when his friends are at his fireside or seated at his table. He seldom leaves home after his day's duties are done. His library, which is large and well chosen, is to him the most attractive of places. His reading habit makes him an unusually well-informed man, in current topics as well as in general literature.

As a writer his style is clear, direct, and logical. When he writes it is because he has something which he wishes to say, and ne says it in the most concise manner. He has been a life-long student of the Greek Testament, and has written much on Biblical topics.

As a teacher he is thorough, exacting, rapid, and while he gives no quarter to laziness or shamming, he is patient and painstaking to the last degree with students whom he believes to be faithful and earnest. He is feared by the superficial and careless in his classes; but thoughtful pupils have only words of praise for the man who never allows a mistake to pass uncorrected. Mr. Williams loves the work of teaching, and has often said that Chaucer's description of the schoolmaster well describes his own attitude to his work: "And gladly would he learn and gladly teach."

He is still vigorous, young in heart, firm of step and of will; and there is every prospect that he has before him years of excellent service for the institution he has served so long, and for the world.

HON. JAMES W. ROBINSON.—The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record of the verdict stablishing his character by the concensus of opinion on the part of his fellow men. That great factor, the public, is a discriminating factor and takes cognizance not of objective exaltation nor yet objective modesty; but delves deeper into the intrinsic essence of character, strikes the key-note of individuality and pronounces judiciously and unequivocally upon the true worth of the man, invariably distinguishing the clear resonance of the true metal from the jarring dissonance of the baser.

Thus, in touching upon the life history of the subject of this review, the biographer would aim to give utterance to no fulsome encomium, to indulge in no extravagant praise,—for such would ill comport with the innate and honest simplicity of the subject's character,—yet would he wish to hold up for consideration those points which have shown the distinction of a true, pure and useful life,—one characterized by indomitable perseverence, broad charity, marked ability, high accomplishments and well-earned honors. To do this will be but to

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reiterate the dictum pronounced upon the man by his fellowmen.

There is still another element, which lends additional interest to the career of James W. Robinson, this being the fact that he is a native son of Ohio and of the county in which practically his entire life has been passed. (The history of the Robinson family has been intimately linked with that of the Buckeye State from the early pioneer days and is found in incidents and episodes which touch upon that epoch which marked the settlement of the commonwealth and the inceptive steps taken toward its development to its present prosperous status.)

Our subject was born, November 28, 1826, in Darby township, Union county, Ohio, the place of his nativity being the paternal farmstead, which stretched along the rich bottom-lands of Darby creek. His agnatic ancestry is of Scotch-Irish derivation, the assimilation of the marked individual characteristics of which dual strains has eventuated in the evolution of a well defined type, familiar in the annals of American history as one possessing the persistency, strong integrity and deep-seated patriotism of the Scotch, conjoined to the spirit, dash and quicker mentality of the Irish element. The father of our subject, John W. Robinson, was a son of Rev. James Robinson, who was a Presbyterian clergyman, and a man of no little prominence in western Pennsylvania, where he labored for many years, subsequently identifying himself with the work of his church in Central Ohio, in whose early history he stood a conspicuous figure, zealous in the service of the Master, and with honor as unflinching and unbending as his Presbyterian faith, which had been that of his ancestors for many generations preceding. John W. Robinson married Elizabeth Mitchell, a daughter of Judge David Mitchell, who came from York, Pennsylvania, to Ohio in the last year of the eighteenth century, locating in Union county, where he attained to distinguished preferment, having been one of the first associate Judges of the county. He reached a venerable age, and in his death the county lost one of its most useful, talented and honored public men. John W. Robinson died in 1853. He was a man of inflexible integrity, careful and methodical in his habits, just and honorable in his intercourse with his fellowmen and of much native ability in an intellectual way. His education was not a broad one, but was above the average that obtained in that period and locality. The respect and confidence in which he was held in the community is shown in the fact that he filled the offices of Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner.. His entire life was devoted to farming, and in this vocation, which ever demands arduous toil and a certain self-abnegation, he attained to consistent success. Like his fathers he was devoted to the Presbyterian Church, and for many years he was an Elder in the same. His widow entered into eternal rest September 18, 1872, her life having been one of signal purity and Christian grace.

John W. and Elizabeth Robinson left surviving them eight children, and of this number only one is deceased at the present time. We incorporate at this juncture a brief record concerning the family: David M. is one of the successful farmers of Union county and resides on the old homestead in Darby township; James W. is the immediate subject of this review; John W. is a farmer, and resides near Marysville; Colonel Aaron B. was for many years one of the

most prominent merchants of Marysville, but has now retired: he is a lawyer by profession and is an ex-member of the State Legislature; Robert N. is a farmer, and resides near Marysville; Martha A. is the widow of the late William H. Robinson, a hardware merchant of Marysville; and Emily J. is the wife of Hon. Beriah Wilkins, ex-member of Congress from the seventeenth Ohio district, and still a resident of Washington, D. C., where he holds a position of national prominence and influence as editor and publisher of the Washington Post. Mrs. Wilkins is a woman of marked intellectuality and talent, and has gained a distinguished position in the social life of the capital; it is worthy of particular note in this connection that she was associated with Mrs. John A. Logan as representative of the District of Columbia on the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Exposition held at Chicago in 1893.

There has been nothing esoteric in the life of James W. Robinson,—it has been as an open book, from which "he who runs may read." His youthful days were passed on the farm, amid those sturdy duties which develop independence, integrity, a vigor of constitution and the while quicken ambition to the point of action and consecutive effort. He was not slow in learning the truth of the statement made by the Greek philosopher, Epicharmus: "Earn thy reward, the gods give naught to sloth." His boyhood was typical of what his entire life has been; it was not one of idleness,—he had no time for futile dreams, but bent him to the burden of hard and unremitting toil, offering no protest, but willingly doing his share. Such opportunities as were granted him in an educational line he seized with avidity, being enabled to attend the district schools a portion of each winter until he had attained the age of fifteen years. At this time his fondness for books and study and his delicacy of health conserved to bring about a parental decision that he was not adapted to farm work, and accordingly provision was made for allowing him to follow his natural inclinations. Near Milford, this county, a school was maintained by one Robert Wilson, an Irishman of eccentric character, but of fine education, and at this institution our subject became a student. Wilson was a successful teacher, was particularly strong in mathematics and had a wide reputation at that period. Young Robinson entered into his work with eager zest and enthusiasm and showed by his progress that the opportunities afforded him were fully appreciated. He was most desirous of taking up the study of Latin, and as there were then in that part of the State but few residents who were at all conversant with that classic tongue, he was somewhat at a loss as to how he might attain his desideratum. Finally he learned that at a point some thirty-five miles distant there lived "a man who could teach Latin," and, after due conference with the authorities, he set out on horseback to interview this wonderful individual and to secure him as teacher of the local school. He was successful in the object of his mission, and in due time could indulge in the mystic declensions and conjugations to his heart's content.

After he had attained his seventeenth year, Mr. Robinson put his acquirments to practical test by engaging to teach district school at the princely stipend of eight dollars per month. Within this time (1843-4) he did not permit his beloved Latin to fall into disuse, but rode four miles daily, on horseback, to recite to "the preacher." In the sum-

mer of 1845 he finally saw the beginning of the end for which he strived, since at this time he matriculated as a sophomore in Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania. At this institution, which was subsequently merged into the Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pennsylvania, he honorably graduated in 1848, in a class of seventy-two members.

This educational discipline complete, Mr. Robinson turned his attention immediately to work. In the fall of the same year he taught a select school at Woodstock, Champaign county, Ohio, and, incidental to attaining his majority, proudly cast his first ballot, which helped by that much to swell the majority secured by the Whig candidate for President, General Zachary Taylor. Subsequently Mr. Robinson came to Marysville, where he taught in the old Academy, which was a flourishing institution at that time. He simultaneously began reading law, continuing this application until 1850, when he went to Cincinnati and took a course of lectures in the Cincinnati Law College, at which he graduated in 1851, being admitted to the bar in April of the same year.

Now fortified for that profession which he had long before determined to make his life work, he at once formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Otway Curry, who was not only distinguished in the line of his profession, but for his marked poetic and literary talent. The firm retained a representative clientele and became one of the most prominent in the county.

In the fall of 1851 Mr. Robinson was elected Prosecuting Attorney, on the Whig ticket, his opponent being the redoubtable Jackson C. Doty, a character of no little celebrity at that time. This served our subject as but the forerunner of other and more distinguished official preferments. In 1857 he was elected a member of the lower house of the State Legislature and was chosen as his own successor in 1859. His service was one of utmost fidelity to his constituents and to his interpretation of legislative polity and ethics. He took a prominent position, being for some time at the head of that important house committee, the judiciary. He was elected a third time, in 1864, to represent his county in the Legislature.

During the war he was unequivocally leal and loyal and an ardent supporter of the administration of President Lincoln. He did all in his power to aid the Union during this crucial epoch in its history, serving most of the time as a member of the Military Committee of Union couuty.

In the fall of 1872 our subject was elected, on the Republican ticket, as representative in the Forty-third Congress, defeating the strongest candidate the opposition could put forward—General G. W. Morgan. He represented the ninth Ohio district, comprising the counties of Union, Hardin, Marion, Morrow, Delaware and Knox. As a Congressman Mr. Robinson showed an all-round fitness for the work. He had both a capacity and intention of getting a full understanding of all the business submitted to his consideration. He had sufficient confidence in himself to render him capable of giving his views to his associates, and sufficient modesty to insure, on his part, a fair reception and honest examination of the views of others, thus arriving at conclusions by safe routes. On the floor he made no pretence to rhetorical eloquence, but was able to clothe his thoughts in acceptable verbiage, and to thoroughly defend his position. As a speaker he thus gained attention and re-

spect, being clear in explanation and manly in defense. Within his short term in Congress he voted for many important measures, among which were the Civil Rights Bill for the protection of the colored race in the enjoyment of equal rights under the law, and the act for the resumption of specie payments. As a member of the Committee on Elections he vigorously opposed the seating of George Q. Cannon, as the Mormon delegate from Utah, making a strong and convincing speech against thus countenancing the class who brought dishonor to the nation in their odious institutions. In 1874 he was unanimously nominated by his party for re-election, but the country was suffering from the commercial panic of 1873 and was also wrought upon by the agitation of the temperance question,—which circumstances brought about a political revolution throughout the State and resulted in the election of a Democrat in the ninth district.

In 1890 he was chosen a member of the State Board of Equalization as representative of the thirteenth Senatorial district, comprising the counties of Union, Logan, Hardin and Marion, where he proved a faithful and efficient representative of his district.

For several years subsequent to his service in Congress Mr. Robinson made periodical sojourns through various sections of the Union, having traveled extensively and having familiarized himself with men and affairs in the many quarters which he has visited. He has given close attention to the practice of his profession in Marysville, where his services are in constant demand. In 1869 he formed a professional partnership with Mr. Leonidas Piper, and this association maintained until the election of the latter to the office of Probate Judge, in 1888, when our subject entered into partnership with R. L. Woodburn, his present talented coadjutor.

Of our subject's professional ability and career, one who has known him long and intimately and who has also been a prominent member of the bar of Union county, speaks as follows: "As a lawyer he has been eminently successful, and has tried as many individual cases, perhaps, as any lawyer in the State. Never in all his practice has he intentionally taken a position that was not tenable, and this fact has made him a strong advocate before both court and jury. He has always been ready and fully prepared to try his cases when called, and it has been an exception for him to ask continuance or delay. He never loses sight of his client's interests, no matter how small the amount involved, and in all cases he has never alowed his opponent to cause him to lose sight of any point important to his case. He has a versatile mind, keen perception, remarkable tact for the dispatch of business, is an able pleader and a strong trial lawyer."

When a young man he united with the church to which his Scotch-Irish ancestors had maintained their allegiance, the Presbyterian, and he has ever since continued a zealous and active worker in the cause, having been ordained and installed an Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Marysville, November 17, 1855. He has not been solifidian in his devotion to the church, but he has shown his faith in good works, contributing liberally to the sustenance of the local organization, to church extension, and especially to the cause of church education, having for the past eighteen years been a member of the Board of Trustees of Wooster University.

The marriage of our honored subject was consummated February 8, 1855, when he wedded Miss Mary J. Cassil, daughter of

the late Judge John and Drusilla (Gladden) Cassil, of Marysville. They became the parents of two children: Arthur H., who died in his sixteenth year; and Alice B., who was born October 24, 1860, and whose death occurred January 13, 1894.

A home life which had represented almost idyllic harmony in its mutual love and sympathy was swept by the relentless hand of death and the strings which had been wont to attune in sweetest melody quivered with the pathos of the score whose composition told of separation, of the ones taken, the other left. The cord was frayed, the cruise run dry, and into the life of eternal love was merged the finite. She who had been a devoted and loyal companion through all the years marked with "ceaseless toil and endeavor; she who had nourished his children; she who had comforted in the hours of sadness and depression; she whose had been the faith that makes faithful, was called upon to heed death's inexorable summons, leaving the home desolated and her place vacant. Not a great life was hers, but a good life. Hers had not been the opportunities nor the talents which beget greatness, but the beauty of the life, its consecration and its true womanliness will remain in benediction so long as memory holds sway upon its throne in the minds of those who knew her. Mrs. Robinson's death occurred October 6, 1893, and the bereaved husband turned the tide of devotion toward his motherless daughter, who now became his solace. But as the fairest flower of all the field is touched by the untimely frost, so did death claim this cherished one as its own. The health of Alice had been delicate for some time, and all was done by her father to preserve his loved one. After the death of her mother she was taken to the South, but without avail, for within less than a year after the death of his wife, Mr. Robinson heard the clods of the valley fall into the new-made grave into which were consigned the mortal remains of his daughter. She was a young woman of rare culture and a gentle refinement, and that sympathy which won to her the friendship of all with whom she came in contact. She was a graduate of Wooster University. Her later years marked the consecration of her life to her mother, and hers was a filial love and solicitude which made this consecration of that beautiful order into which enters naught of protest or reservation. Doubly bereaved, and at an age when one's life centers in the home circle, our subject yet had the faith to "look up unto the hills" and to discern the element of consistency in what was seemingly the most cruel affliction that could be visited upon him. Death is the open door, not the seal of oblivion.

A man in whose life have been blended the truest elements of manhood, whose career has been one of usefulness and honor, and whose character thus stands clear and distinct in the eyes of his fellowmen, we feel it both a pleasure and a privilege to have given this record and to have given representation in this volume a name well known throughout central Ohio and honored from its association with the character of the man who bears it.

DR. JAMES M. SOUTHARD, deceased.—To indulge in prolix encomium of a life which was eminently one of subjective modesty would be palpably incongruous, even though the record of good accomplished, of kindly deeds performed and of high relative prece-

dence attained, might seem to justify the utterance of glowing eulogy. He to whom this memoir is dedicated was a man who stood "four square to every wind that blows," who was possessed of marked professional ability and was vitally instinct with the deeper human sympathies, and yet who, during his long and useful life, signally avoided everything that smacked of display and notoriety,—and in this spirit would the biographer wish to have his utterances construed.

Detailed reference to the parentage and ancestral history of our subject appears elsewhere in this volume in connection with the biography of his brother, Dr. John Q. Southard, and a recapitulation of the same is scarcely demanded at this point. Suffice it to say that James McCartney Southard was the eldest of the family of five children born to Isaiah and Elizabeth (Parnell) Southard, said family comprising four sons and one daughter, who lived to attain mature years. The place of our subject's nativity was Adams county, Ohio, where he was born December 16, 1825. He was reared in Licking county, and though his parents were in moderate circumstances he was enabled to secure a good common-school and academic education. After this preliminary educational discipline was complete, Mr. Southard followed out his inclinations and made ready to enter upon that career which he had formulated as his life work,—the profession of medicine. He accordingly entered the office of Dr. Roe, a well-known physician of Newark, Ohio, remaining under this preceptorage for a time and then matriculating at the Starling Medical College of Columbus, where he completed the prescribed course, graduating in the class of 1854. Prior to his graduation he was located for a short time at Jacksontown, Licking county, where he practiced his profession successfully. Immediately after his graduation, however, he came to Marysville, Union county,—the point which marked the scene of his professional labors throughout the course of a long, active and useful life. Here he opened an office and entered upon the general practice of medicine and surgery, being distinctively one of the pioneer physicians of the county and soon holding as his own a large patronage ramifying into all sections contiguous to the village and standing as representative in character of clientage. That success attended his efforts was but in natural sequence, for his position became assured as an able physician, a man of sterling integrity and one devoted to his profession and to the interests and welfare of those to whom he ministered.

Dr. Southard was a man of strong constitution and marked intellectuality, standing in exemplifying possession of that great human desideratum, "*mens sana in corpore sano*,"—a sound mind in a sound body. He was thoroughly *en rapport* with his profession; his heart was ever in his work and he gained not only the respect and confidence but the appreciative affection of his patients, as he was watchful, tender and sympathetic,—his humanity being ever paramount to his professional or scientific interest.

He possessed marked judgment and discernment in the diagnosing of disease and was peculiarly successful in anticipating the issue of complications, seldom making mistakes and never exaggerating or minifying the disease in rendering his decisions in regard thereto. He was a physician of great fraternal delicacy and no man ever observed

more closely the ethics of the unwritten professional code or showed more careful courtesy to his fellow practitioners than did he. His devotion to his work was more clearly demonstrated by no one circumstance than that he remained in active practice even to the hour when enfeebled health must have borne home to him the presage of his fast approaching dissolution. Not until death removed the burden would he consent to its uplifting or its lightening. Almost as a sacred trust he seemed to hold his professional offices, and long after he had attained to financial independence he continued his ministrations without reservation, and when the shadow of death approached hard by and when his work entailed great physical and mental exhaustion, not even then would he refuse to go forth to the relief of those afflicted, even though it were to a less extent than was he himself. How clearly such points as these bespeak the noble, honest and faithful character of the man, for such is the faith that makes faithful. Doctor Southard was a man of few words in the ordinary walks of life; he was apparently reserved, and yet to those to whom came the grateful appreciation of his true, deep nature, this circumstance but endeared him the more. The veil was lifted to gain the new glory of a true and beautiful life when death placed the seal upon his mortal lips.

In March, 1868, Dr. Southard effected the organization of the Farmers' Bank of Marysville, the operations of the same being based upon a subscribed capital stock of $50,000. He became its first president and as such remained until the time of his death, which occurred March 16, 1891. As chief of the executive corps of the bank he kept himself thoroughly informed in regard to the condition of its business, and directed its general policies with rare business judgment. In his political proclivities the Doctor was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, being quite actively identified with local politics for many years. Fraternally he was a member of the F. & A. M.

May 14, 1850, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Wintermute, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and she became the mother of two children: Charles W., of whom specific mention will be made later on; and Ella, who is the wife of L. F. Blue, Marysville. The untimely death of the devoted wife and mother occurred September 24, 1867. Dr. Southard consummated a second marriage June 16, 1874, when he wedded Mrs. Mary E. Godard, who still retains her residence in Marysville.

Samuel Carson, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Southard, was one of the pioneers of Delaware county. He was born in county Down, Ireland, and came with his parents to America when a child, being reared to manhood in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. In 1804 he removed from the old Keystone State to Chillicothe, Ohio, and about 1823 moved to Delaware county, having purchased about 1,500 acres of land on the the east side of the Scioto river, opposite the present Industrial Home for Girls. This tract he divided into farms for his four sons and two daughters, namely: William, Samuel, James, John, Mary and Jane, —all of whom continued their residence there for a number of years.

William Carson, father of Mrs. Southard, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, being the eldest of the family. In 1833 he was united in marriage to Eliza Thompson, and he continued his residence on the farm inherited from his

father until the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1873. His widow passed away in January, 1883. They became the parents of six children, four of whom lived to attain maturity, namely: Joan A., Cicero T., Mary E., and William W. Cicero still owns the home farm, though he does not reside there. Joan married Thomas B. Johnson, of Union county, and he later became the principal of the Tuscumbia Female Seminary, of Tuscumbia, Alabama, where he died in the year 1860. They had two daughters: Lillie, who died in 1873; and Mary B., wife of W. T. Simmons, of Jacksonville, Florida. In 1868 Mrs. Johnson consummated a second marriage, becoming the wife of John H. Shearer, editor and publisher of the Marysville Tribune, and they had one son, John H., Jr. Mrs. Shearer died October 14, 1881. William Carson married Rebecca Chenoweth, of Franklin county, in 1870, and he is now a resident of the county mentioned. Mary E. became the wife of E. M. Godard, in 1866, and he died in 1870. They became the parents of three children, of whom only one, E. Mary, is living. The marriage of Mrs. Godard to the subject of this review was celebrated in 1874, as already noted.

Charles W. Southard, son of our honored subject, was born in Marysville, October 9, 1856, received his rudimentary education in the public schools of this city and subsequently prosecuted his studies in turn at the universities at Wooster and Delaware, this State, after which he supplemented his more distinctively literary training by the prosecution of a thorough commercial course in Cincinnati. In July, 1875, he entered the Farmers' Bank of Marysville in a clerical capacity and in the following spring was made teller of the institution. In March, 1880, he was chosen cashier, in which capacity he has since been continuously retained. Politically he follows in the footsteps of his father and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Marysville Lodge, No. 100. He was married, June 20, 1878, to Miss Tomma Lattimer, daughter of the late Thomas Lattimer, of Marysville.

ALONZO J. WHITNEY, president of the People's Bank, of Marysville, Ohio, must be accorded particular recognition within these pages, standing as he does as one of the representative financiers and business men of Union county. On the 23d of November, 1829, our subject was ushered into the world, in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, the son of Evart and Julia (Merriman) Whitney, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, and of Puritan descent. The paternal grandfather was a stalwart patriot in the days when patriotism implied great personal self-abnegation, and history records that he was an active participant in the war of the Revolution. The parents of our subject are both deceased, the death of the father occurring in the year 1887, and that of the mother in 1874.

The early life of Alonzo J. Whitney was passed in his native State. He received his education in the common schools and while still a mere youth became concerned in mercantile operations. The first year after he had attained his majority he worked on a farm, receiving as wages for the year the sum of $100, his effective services and fidelity securing to him for the second year an increase to the amount of $125. A young

man of marked individuality, he soon sought employment that would afford a little more latitude to this characteristic attribute, securing a position as assistant in operating one of the notion wagons, which at that period were a distinctive feature of the mercantile trade of the section, the familiar and heavily loaded vehicles traversing the districts throughout the State and supplying the merchants with the innumerable necessaries and conveniences demanded. After one year's service as assistant, he was assigned to the charge of a wagon and continued in this line of enterprise for a period of five years, after which he engaged in business for himself, having been frugal and economical in his habits and having thereby been enabled to save a goodly portion of the wages he had earned upon the farm and in the notion trade. He accordingly opened a small general store at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, conducting this enterprise successfully about four years, when, in 1859, he brought his stock of goods to Marysville, and here opened an establishment, which in the course of time became one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the town. For some little time Mr. E. S. Payne had been associated in business with our subject and in the centennial year the latter closed out his interests in the enterprise to his partner.

In the year 1873 Mr. Whitney was prominently identified in the projection and organization of the People's Bank of Marysville, having been one of its foremost promoters. The institution opened its doors for the transaction of a general banking business in April of the succeeding year. The bank was incorporated under the provisions of the legislative act authorizing the establishment of private or individual banking houses, and as a private institution the enterprise has been most successfully conducted up to the present time. Mr. Whitney was made its first president and has filled this executive office continuously, being the present incumbent. The bank bases its operations upon a cash capital of $20,000, the efficient cashier of the institution being Mr. C. S. Chapman. The bank transacts a general and representative business in its line and is ranked among the most solid and reliable institutions of the country.

In 1864 Mr. Whitney erected a fine business block in which were fitted up spacious and convenient offices for the accommodation of the business of the bank. In 1884 our subject added still further to the attractions and conveniences of the business quarter of the little city by the erection of a fine business block of three stories, the same being located opposite the bank block. His handsome residence, located on Sixth street, was also erected by him, and is one of the most attractive houses in the town.

It is almost tautological at this point to state that Mr. Whitney has ever maintained a position as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens of Marysville, for the fact is evidenced by even the meagre details already mentioned. To him and his well directed efforts have already been largely due the consecutive growth and development of the town, and he has ever held himself in readiness to lend both influence and tangible assistance to all enterprises and projects which gave promise of conserving the best interests of the place and the local public. A distinctive type of the self-made man, he has attained to a high degree of success in temporal affairs, has shown a marked capacity for the conducting of business enterprises and directing them to the goal of maximum success, his

efforts having been characterized at all times by those essential principles of conservatism, industry and politic economy. As a result he occupies to-day a position as one of the most honored residents and representative capitalists of Union county. He gives his personal attention to his business affairs, also directing the operation of his fine farm of 567 acres, located two miles northwest of Marysville.

Reverting briefly to the domestic life of Mr. Whitney we find that he has been twice married. In February, 1858, he was united to Miss Rubie Tuttle, who became the mother of three children, all of whom died in infancy. Her demise occurred in 1870 and two years later Mr. Whitney married Miss Kate Peck, of Milford, Connecticut, the issue of this union being three children, of whom only one survives. This is a son George. who is a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and a young man of much promise. The family are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Whitney has long been one of the officials in the local organization.

L. D. McCABE, D. D., LL. D., was born at Marietta, Ohio, January 7, 1817. His father though not wealthy, was a prominent citizen of that city, esteemed and widely known in his church, where his integrity, Christian activity and religious fervor gave him great influence. His mother, the daughter of an eloquent minister, the Rev. Alexander McCracken, possessed even stronger and more remarkable qualities than her husband. At the tender age of six he was bereft of both parents; henceforth the orphan boy was thrown upon his own resources. Three years after the death of his father and mother he was taken into the family of Weston Thomas, a merchant of Marietta. He applied himself diligently to the general work of the store, and soon became an expert at figures, a keen observer of men and an accurate reader of human nature. During the winter months he was allowed to attend the district school, where he manifested an unusual thirst for learning. At the age of seventeen he was converted. This was a turning point in his life. New plans are now formed, and we find him more studious than ever, even devoting his evenings to private study under the direction of Miss Siba Buell.

Four years later, having attained his majority, he gives up mercantile pursuits and enters the Ohio State University at Athens, at which he was graduated with honors in 1843. A model student, filled with reverence and love for his instructors, he devoted his entire time to his text-books. No literary work, no social diversion, nothing whatever was allowed to interfere with the prescribed course. Previous to entering college he had been licensed to preach, and immediately upon graduation joined the Ohio conference, and was appointed to the Worthington circuit, which he traveled one year, but owing to failing eyesight he was compelled to resign. He spent the next winter under Dr. Mussey's care at Cincinnati. Upon his return to Athens he was elected to the chair of Mathematics and Mechanical Philosophy in the Ohio University. Here he remained until he was elected at the Ohio Wesleyan University to the same professorship, Mathematics and Mechanical Philosophy. In this professorship he continued until 1860, when he was trans-

ferred to the department of Philosophy, and has occupied this chair ever since.

The change was quite acceptable to the Doctor, as metaphysical studies were now more congenial to him. In connection with his duties as professor he has been for many years vice-president, and through several interregnums has conducted the affairs of the university with unsurpassed skill and ability. Allegheny College conferred the degree of D. D. upon him in 1855, and Syracuse University that of LL. D. in 1875.

Dr. McCabe is a great teacher, naturally brilliant and a thorough master of his subject. His students can never forget the many flashes of eloquence which often and suddenly break out in his class-room. He has a vigorous mind, a vivid imagination and an unsurpassed facility of expression. He is a most fervid orator, and has no difficulty in swaying an audience at his will.

Dr. McCabe has been a great writer. Besides valuable contributions to the periodicals of the church he has published several books, such as "The Philosophy of Holiness," "The Foreknowledge of God and Cognate Subjects," and "The Divine Nescience." His style is clear, concise, direct and profound. One is never at a loss to understand what he desires to say. There is no sophistry nor ambiguity in any of his sentences. His books have been extensively read by thoughtful men on both sides of the Atlantic. It would be an easy matter to fill several pages of this book with complimentary words from some of the leading minds of the nineteenth century, such as Professor Dorner, of Berlin, Prussia, and Joseph Cook, of Boston. The world moves slowly,—new ideas are never welcomed,—nevertheless the Doctor's views on foreknowledge and nescience are being more and more accepted; and whether he may receive due credit or not, his theology will have great influence upon the revision of creeds now in progress.

The Doctor is the most genial of men; he is deservedly popular with all classes. Not only with the students, upon whom he has exerted and still continues to exert most wonderful influence, but also with the citizens. His personal qualities have endeared him to an unusually large circle of friends. His daily life is a constant exemplification of the Golden Rule: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

REV. J. W. BASHFORD, D. D., Ph. D., was born in La Fayette county, Wisconsin, May 25, 1849. His father was born in New York city and studied medicine, was converted and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. He died in the pulpit, of apoplexy, when thirty-six years old. His mother has been noted among her friends for common sense, industry and perseverance. Four sons completed the college course at the University of Wisconsin. Two of them studied law and two theology.

The subject of this sketch made a public profession of Christ in a revival, in 1859. Owing to a local church trouble the converts were not received into the church at that time; and while he never lost the habit of daily prayer he did not again confess Christ in public until the close of his freshman year in the spring of 1868. The real battle was then over the quuestion of preaching. He could get no peace until he surrendered

his own plans of life and took up this apparently stern, hard duty.

While in college he contended with illness and financial difficulties. But enforced rest enabled him to recover from the one, and his native pluck and versatility provided amply for the other. At the close of the freshman year he taught school for one year in his native town. During the Sophomore year he also taught one term, achieving success where others had failed. But he overworked to make up for his absence from the university. This resulted in severe illness, which left him $300 in debt, and prolonged his college course another year. On returning to college he accepted an invitation from another student, who had capital to invest, to unite in founding the University Press—the first college paper published at the University of Wisconsin. The new enterprise was financially successful, enabling him to remain at college and complete the course in 1873. He was at once elected tutor in Greek at his *alma mater*, and read, in connection with his work as an instructor, part of the New Testament in Greek and considerable church history. In 1874 he was urged to remain as a teacher in the university and was offered the position of private secretary to the Governor of his State. The position was an enviable one, but to him duty was "the stern daughter of the voice of God." Accordingly he entered the School of Theology of Boston University in order to prepare for his life work, completing the prescribed course in 1876. He then entered the School of Oratory of the University and graduated in 1878. The next year he delivered lectures on the English language and on the principles of public speaking at the School of Oratory. At the close of the year he was offered by Professor Monroe, dean of the school, a half interest therein, with a guaranteed salary of $3,000 to continue in that work. At the same time he was offered a full professorship by his *alma mater* in Wisconsin. But although these offers were tempting, they did not turn him from the work to which he had consecrated his life. In 1877 he entered the School of All Sciences in Boston University, and in 1879 received the degoee of Ph. D., *cum laude*. Indeed the three former degrees had been received with honor.

While in the school of theology he accepted the pastorate of a mission and organized it into the Harrison Square Methodist Episcopal Church. During his work in this field the membership grew from twenty-three to ninety-six, and a church costing $8,000 was erected and its cost entirely provided for. At the close of three years he was appointed to the pastorate of the Jamaica Plain Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston, where a debt of $7,000 was paid and the membership trebled.

In 1878 Dr. Bashford married Miss Jane Field, of Madison, Wisconsin. She graduated from the university in 1874, with the highest honors in her department, and afterward taught in the high school of Madison. After removing to Boston she was chosen first President of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ.

In 1880 Dr. and Mrs. Bashford made a summer trip to Europe, visiting England, Scotland, France and Switzerland. In 1881 Dr. Bashford became pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Auburndale, a suburb of Boston, and seat of Lasell Seminary. During this pastorate we find him delivering lectures before the school of theology of Boston University on oratory,

and generally impressing leading educators with his worth. It is not surprising then that at that time he was offered the presidency of one of the New England Conference seminaries, and of two of the colleges in the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the close of this pastorate he was offered the position of preacher and lecturer on ethics at the New England Conservatory of Music. In 1884 he was transferred to the Maine Conference and stationed at the Chestnut Street church in Portland, Maine, the largest church in northern New England. During this pastorate about two hundred and twenty members were received into the church. He returned to Auburndale by invitation to deliver the lectures on Evidences of Christianity before the Lasell Seminary. At the close of this pastorate he was approached by trustees with reference to the presidency of a strong Methodist college, but declined to entertain a proposition to leave the pastorate.

In 1887 Dr. and Mrs. Bashford spent five months abroad, chiefly in Italy and visiting German universities. It was while on the continent that he studied the methods of the world-famed schools, not however as a professional educator, as he had felt that his life work must be in the pastorate, but rather for the love of that higher culture of which he himself is so good an illustration. Thus it would seem that, unknown to him his whole life thus far may have been planned for the position he has recently been elected to fill.

At the close of this European trip he entered upon his work in connection with the Delaware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Buffalo, one of the leading churches in Methodism. Here he again was offered the presidency of three universities and a leading editorial position. He prefers preaching to any other work. But the Board of Bishops met in Delaware, Ohio, in the spring of 1889, and each member of the board present expressed the conviction that Dr. Bashford ought to accept the presidency of the Ohio Wesleyan University. His brethren also of the Genesee Conference, regarded the call to his new and responsible position as providential, although they parted with him with the greatest regret.

In the spring of 1889 Dr. Bashford delivered the lectures on theology before the first Itinerants' Club at Lexington, Kentucky. The Rev. Dr. Edwards, editor of the North-Western Christian Advocate, was present as a lecturer. The following is a notice of Dr. Bashford's work.

* * * "Hit where it may, we propose to give the palm to Rev. Dr. J. W. Bashford, of Buffalo, whose morning lectures on systematic theology were the clearest, simplest, ablest, and most elevating we have ever heard. These words are deliberate. Dr. Bashford, who is approaching middle life, is a royal teacher. His topic is not supposed to be attractive to a general audience, but the early morning hours found the church occupied by citizens of Lexington, who waited almost impatiently for the lecture to begin. The entire substructure of the exposition was biblical. But the subject matter seemed the inevitable and unavoidable conclusion of a devout reader who did not search the Word for the sake of supporting a theory, but rather to discover what the Book says, and that only for the sake of the truth, and not for a human or personal theory. During the addresses of the meeting all hearts were drawn out in devout rejoicings as the earnest speaker seemed to plead sole-

ly for the sake of revealing God the Father, Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, the guide of men unto all truth. We heartily wish every young man in our ministry could hear these marvelous lectures for the sake of their value as correct initial statements, and that every older minister could hear them as a golden review of his life reading."

The Ohio Wesleyan University is to be congratulated. President Bashford by nature, grace and culture is peculiarly well fitted for his honors and responsibilities.

CAPT. JAMES E. McCRACKEN, who is a well known and most popular resident of Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, has passed a somewhat eventful life, and has attained a military record of marked brilliancy. To him is due particular recognition in this work, whose purport is the reviewing of the lives of the representative citizens of this and two adjoining counties.

His father, Robert McCracken, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, being the son of James McCracken, who was born in the north of Ireland, and who came with his family to Pennsylvania in an early day. Robert McCracken married Elizabeth Irwin, a native of this county (then a part of Knox county), and the daughter of Rev. James and Susan (Holt) Irwin, both of whom were born in New Jersey, and the latter of whom was the daughter of Evans Holt, a Revolutionary soldier. James Holt partcipated in the war of 1812, having settled in that part of Ohio now comprised in Chester township, Morrow county, in 1820, and having been one of the pioneer clergymen of the Baptist Church in the Buckeye State.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was one of the first settlers in Chester township, having located there about 1814. He purchased a large tract of land and erected a large house, which was the voting place of the pioneer locality. He passed the remainder of his life on this farm.

The parents of our subject were married in Chester township and settled there, on a farm which had been given them by the father of the young man. This continued to be their permanent home, and there both parents died. They had four children, namely: Arminda, deceased, was the wife of George W. Freeman, of Union county, and had two children; Susan is the wife of George W. Freeman, and has three children; William W. married Mary Green, has two children, and resides in Mt. Gilead; and our subject is the youngest in the family. After the death of his first wife the father consummated a second marriage and had one son, Charles E. The mother was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. Robert McCracken was a Democrat and a very active politician, being a man of considerable influence in his locality.

James E. McCracken, the immediate subject of this review, was born in Chester township, Morrow (then Knox) county, February 10, 1841, remained there until the outbreak of the civil war, and received a good common-school education.

April 22, 1861, he enlisted in the three-months' service as a member of Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was recruited in the neighborhood of Chesterville. During its term of service the regiment was engaged in guarding the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in West Virginia. At the end of his term of enlistment our subject returned home and was discharged from the three-months' service.

August 18th of the same year he again enlisted, for three years, as a member of Company A, Twentieth Regiment, entering as a private, but being soon promoted to the rank of Corporal, serving as such until April, 1862, when he was promoted as Sergeant and served in that office until he veteranized, in January, 1864, when he was chosen Sergeant-Major of the old Twentieth, served one year, was then promoted Captain of Company A, and as such continued until he was mustered out.

Into the details of his service as a member of the Twentieth Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry we cannot enter minutely, but deem it but consistent to incorporate the following brief review: The regiment rendezvoused at Camp Chase, then at Camp King, back of Covington, Kentucky, until the expedition to Fort Donelson was organized, when it joined the forces thus sent forward and took part in the battle; after the fall of Fort Donelson the regiment took charge of prisoners and conveyed them to various prisons in the North. Reassembled at Paducah, Kentucky, in March, 1862, and then joined Grant's army on the Tennessee river, being among the first troops to land at Pittsburg Landing; then dropped to Crump's Landing, moved out in the direction of Purdy and there remained until Sunday morning; then joined Grant's army on the same night, taking part in the second day's battle, in command of General Lew Wallace. Took part in the siege of Corinth, then moved to Bolivar, Tennessee, and there remained all summer, scouting and foraging. August 30, were attacked by Confederate General Van Dorn, at Middleburg, and under command of General Ross, routed Price and Van Dorn in the battle of Hatchie Ford; moved back to Bolivar, and joined Grant's Mississippi Central campaign, being assigned to Logan's division, the Third and Seventeenth Corps; moved down the Mississippi Central railroad toward Vicksburg, with almost daily skirmishes. Their brigade was the farthest south of the entire body of infantry, and at Water Valley acted as rear guard on the retrograde movement. They then moved back to Memphis, and February 22, 1863, took boats to Lake Providence, Louisiana; engaged in the work of cuttting a canal with a view to securing access to the Red River below Vicksburg; March, 1863, were flooded out and compelled to abandon operations by reason of the tide of backwater; took steamers to Eagle Bend, on the Mississippi side, thence to Milliken's Bend, where they remained until the blockade was run; then moved across to Grand Gulf. May 1, crossed the river and participated in battle of Port Gibson, then moved to Hankins' Ferry, where a lively skirmish took place; then moved in the direction of Jackson, Mississippi, and Logan's division fought battle of Raymond, May 12, and the battle of Jackson two days later; started for Vicksburg, and on May 16, fought battle of Champion Hills; the succeeding day were in second line at battle of Big Black. May 18 closed in on Vicksburg, May 22 engaged in the charge in front of Fort Hill; passed through the entire siege, and July 4, 1863, was present at surrender of Vicksburg, Logan's division being the first to enter. In August participated in the raid into western Louisiana, destroying the Shreveport & Texas railroad; remained at Vicksburg until December, 1863, when he re-enlisted, and in March following went to Meridian, Mississippi, participating in the raid made by General McPherson. Captain McCracken arrived

in Ohio in April, 1864, and received a furlough for that month, at the expiration of which he proceeded to Cairo, Illinois, thence by boat to Clifton, Tennessee, via Huntsville, Alabama, to Rome, Georgia, joining Sherman's army at Big Shanty, the division being in command of General M. D. Liggett. Participated with his regiment in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain and Nickojack; moved up the Chattahoochee river to Roswell's factory, where they crossed and struck the line of the Augusta railroad, at Decatur. Moved on to Atlanta and reached the earthworks July 21, 1864. The great battle ensued the next morning and was the hardest fight our subject ever saw during his long term of active service. July 27 his regiment was in the body which swung around twelve miles to extreme right of the army, effectually repulsing the precipitate attack made by Hood. The regiment joined in the siege of Atlanta until September 1, then pulled out at night, moved to Jonesboro, where there was a hot conflict in which the Federal troops were victorious, as also at Lovejoy Station; then moved back to Atlanta, remained a few days, then followed Hood on his raid in rear of the city to the Smyrna camp ground, remaining there until November 10, when began the memorable march to the sea, the troops eating Christmas dinner in Savannah. Our subject was then in command of his company as they moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, and participated in fight at Pocotaligo; then moved with the Army of the Tennessee forward to take part in the battle at Orangeburg, South Carolina, thence on to Columbia, taking part in the burning of that city. Thereafter our subject participated with his regiment in the fights in turn at Cheraw, Fayetteville, Bentonville (where they encountered Johnston's army), Goldsboro, and thence to Durham Station to the surrender of Johnston. After this Captain McCracken accompanied Sherman's army on to Washington and participated in the Grand Review, being thence ordered to Louisville, Kentucky, and being mustered out in August, 1865, having been with his regiment on every occasion when it was under fire.

He left the army with shattered health, and the winter of 1865 he passed in Missouri, going thence in the spring to Fort Benton and then to Helena, Montana, where he engaged in gold mining for two years; he then returned home, and in the spring of 1869 went to California, via New York and the isthmus route, remaining there until 1871. He then returned to Morrow county and engaged in the grocery business in Mt. Gilead until 1878, then removed to Cleveland and conducted a cold storage enterprise for five years. Returned to Mt. Gilead in 1883, and was in the furniture trade until 1886, then teller in the Morrow County National Bank until December 31, 1887. In that year he was elected Clerk of the courts and served as such until August 6, 1894. In politics the Captain is a stalwart Republican, and fraternally he is a member of Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206, F. & A. M., and Hurd Post, No. 114, G. A. R., being Past Commander of the latter. He is also identified with the Union Veterans' League, and has held preferment in the same as officer of the day.

Captain McCracken was married October 23, 1873, to Miss Elsie N. Rhodes, a daughter of John Rhodes. She was born in Knox county, September 3, 1849, and was reared there. She is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject and wife have one child, Sadie, born August 23, 1877.

F. W. Marriott

FRANCIS MARION MARRIOTT.—It has assuredly not been uninteresting to observe in the series of biographical sketches which have appeared in these columns the varying nationality, origin and early environment of the men who have made their way to positions of prominence and success. In no better way could we gain a conception of the diverse elements which have entered into our social and commercial life and which will impart to the future American type features which cannot be conjectured at the present time. We have had an American type in the past; we shall have a distinctly national character in the future, but for the present, amalgamation of the varied elements is proceeding and the final result is yet remote.

The extraction of Francis M. Marriott must be sought for among the early settlers of Maryland, where for a long period much of our national history was written. The subject of this review was born September 5, 1847, in Eden township, Licking county, Ohio, one of the nine children of Thomas Homewood and Druzilla (McClelland) Marriott. Thomas Homewood Marriott was born near Utica, Licking county, Ohio, in the year 1814, being the son of Homewood and Mary (Ridgely) Marriott, who came from Maryland to Ohio in 1811. Joshua Marriott, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from France and settled in the State of Maryland in the year 1740; his wife, Rachel Ann, *née* Homewood, was of English birth.

Reverting with more detail to the life of Thomas H. Marriott, father of our subject, we find that his position as one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Licking county was assured, and that his character was such as gained to him respect and much local distinction. Always an uncompromising Democrat in his political views, he instilled into the minds of his children the principles which he advocated, and so effective was his effort in this regard that in the later years his sons have never swerved in their allegiance to these same principles. Incidentally, it is interesting to note the fact that the subject of this sketch, Hon. Francis M. Marriott (better known as Frank M.) has held many positions of trust and responsibility in the gift of his party. He received his early education in the old log school-house known as the Kirkpatrick school, located in Eden township, Daniel Paul, afterward State Senator from Knox county, having been one of his first instructors in the primitive scholastic institution. In the year 1864 Thomas H. Marriott removed with his family to Delaware county, settling in Harlem township on the farm now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch. Francis was soon thereafter enabled to attend school at Central College, in Franklin county, and ultimately to enter the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, where he prosecuted his studies, defraying the expenses of his education by teaching during the winters and working on the farm during vacations.

He was principal of the high school at Sunbury in the year 1870, and in the spring of the following year began reading law in the office of Charles H. McElroy, who afterward became Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. After three months of close application, Mr. Marriott taught another term of school at Sunbury, and in the fall of 1871 resumed the study of his chosen profession with Messrs. Reid & Powell, who comprised one of the leading law firms of

Delaware. Admitted to the bar March 19, 1874, Mr. Marriott almost immediately gained recognition, being elected Prosecuting Attorney of Delaware county in the fall of the same year. As indicative of his personal popularity and of the confidence in which he is held by the people it may be here noted that at the polls was rolled up to his credit the handsome majority of 489 in a county which at that election gave a natural Republican majority of more than 700.

His professional ability and correct methods secured to him a clientele which rendered it expedient for him to refuse a renomination to the office of Prosecuting Attorney, but in the fall of 1879 he yielded to the importunities of his party friends and accepted the nomination for State Senator from the sixteenth Senatorial district, comprising the counties of Licking and Delaware, and was elected to that office in October of that year. During his two years' service in legislative halls he stood as a leader in the Senate, his counsel being always regarded as wise and conservative, while upon parliamentary questions his decisions were considered as practically ultimate. His care and consideration in the discharge of the responsible duties of his official position gained him the respect and highest confidence of his collegues. Having been selected by the Democratic members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly as one of the committee to go to Washington for the purpose of presenting to the National Democratic Committee the claims of the Ohio Democracy for the holding of the national convention of the party in that State, he, with the support of the other members of the committee, did such effective work in furtherance of the cause as to secure the holding of the convention in Cincinnati in 1880. To this convention he was unanimously chosen as a delegate from the ninth Congressional district, composed of the counties of Knox, Morrow, Hardin and Delaware. In April, 1884, he was appointed by Governor George Hoadly as one of the three managers of the Intermediate Penitentiary, was reappointed in 1885, and has ever since held that position (except for two years under the administration of Governor Foraker), receiving commission from Governors James E. Campbell and William McKinley.

Mr. Marriott's devotion to his profession and his marked aversion to political life have proved sufficient to deter him for accepting other political preferments which have been urged upon him by constituents. His success in a professional way has been pronounced, and offers the best evidence of his capability in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts upon this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted.

As touching the professional career of our subject there is one case which so clearly shows the animus of the man and which stands in example of the broad charity that is his and the extent to which he will lend his influence for the sake of justice alone, that we cannot refrain from reverting to the same in this connection.

Giacoma Pallotta was indicted and put upon trial on a charge of "shooting with intent to kill." He had spent the day in Delaware attending strictly to his business, that of scissors grinding. In the evening, he, in company with his uncle, went to the Hocking Valley depot, intending to go to Marion. While waiting for the train he accidentally shot a man by the name of Feenan. He was arrested and indicted on the charge of shooting with intent to kill as above. There was great excitement at the time, and he was placed upon trial while the public mind was greatly inflamed. Mr. Marriott was in no way connected with his trial. Hon. Gil Barger, of Columbus, defended him before the jury, and made a most able defense, but he was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Ohio Penitentiary. Mr. Marriott heard the trial, carefully listened to all the testimony, and thought the verdict and imprisonment unwarranted. The prisoner's counsel not prosecuting the case further Mr. Marriott voluntarily took up the case, had the testimony transcribed and filed a petition in error in the Circuit Court to the judgment of the Common Pleas Court. Pallatta had in the meantime been taken to prison and was serving his sentence. He did not know that his case was being prosecuted and never did know until Mr. Marriott telegraphed him the action of the Circuit Court and he was released from prison after having served about six months of his sentence. Pallatto was a poor fellow; a stranger in our country, spoke our language very imperfectly; in fact could hardly make himself understood at all. He had no means to employ counsel and no friends who were willing to assist him, and our subject took up his defense, purely as an act of justice and charity, looking only for his reward in that time when the Great Judge shall say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

Following is an extract from the brief presented by Mr. Marriott in the celebrated case, the same offering the portion of the argument referring to the testimony given at the trial. The brief discussed the law of the case at length, but the Circuit Court reversed the case solely on the ground that the evidence did not warrant the jury in rendering a verdict of guilty:

"How a jury could conclude and 'find beyond a reasonable doubt' from the testimony in the case, that the defendant purposely shot Feenan is beyond the power of our minds to conceive, and we here invite the court to a careful and close examination of the testimony as given.

"Can the verdict be explained except upon the grounds of a prejudice against the defendant, possibly because he is an Italian, and stood friendless and alone amongst strangers, in a strange land.

"At the time of this trial and for some time previous, the public mind was and had been inflamed by published accounts of the wickedness of the Italians in different sections of the country, and the popular mind was so wrought up that a mere word would be sufficient to incite mob law against Italians wherever found in this country; and beyond a doubt the jury partook of this prejudice and were influenced in their verdict by it.

"We assert with confidence that had an American citizen of Delaware county been placed upon trial for exactly the same offence that Pallotta was charge with, and had exactly the same testimony been produced here, precisely the same state of facts, the jury would have acquitted him without going from the jury-box. The shooting was without any motive whatever, so far as the testimony disclosed. No words were spoken between the defendant and the man shot; they

had never met before, no provocation is shown to have been given either by Feenan or any one else. The act of shooting was entirely motiveless,—it cannot be accounted for upon any other ground than accident,—and this is what the defendant says it was. That it was purely accidental,—not intended,—is consistent with every word of the testimony given upon the trial and shown by the testimony of the defendant. When a crime is committed we instinctively and naturally look for the motive which impelled it; in this case we look in vain for motive; not even a shadow of a motive is disclosed. Wharton, in his treatise of the criminal law, on page 121, uses the language:

"'No doubt when a tender mother kills a child or a friend kills a friend, and nothing more than the fact of killing is proved, we may be led to infer misadventure, accident'—for we have the sworn testimony of the defendant, corroborated by all the evidence of the case, to prove the shooting to have been accidental.

"The defendant stands before the jury with the presumption of innocence in his favor, with which the law surrounds and shields every person charged with crime, until that presumption is removed by clear, unequivocal, positive proof of guilt; and this proof must be so strong that there does not remain a reasonable doubt of guilt before that presumption is removed.

"If the testimony can be reconciled consistently with the innocence of the defendant, it is the duty of the jury so to reconcile it, and declare him innocent. So jealous is the law in guarding the liberty of the individual that it will not allow that liberty to be invaded or taken from him until every doubt of his guilt has been removed by strong and convincing proof. In this case we claim that there is an entire absence of testimony proving the guilt of the defendant, that he intentionally committed the crime charged against him or that he intended any wrong whatever; on the contrary the testimony shows that the unfortunate act which has deprived him of his liberty was purely accidental, and we say therefore that he is wrongfully deprived of his liberty. Let us calmly and dispassionately review the testimony as the record presents it and as it was presented to the jury upon the trial.

"Giacoma Pallotta, in company with his uncle came to Delaware on the morning of the 18th of August from the city of Columbus, where he was then making his home and where he had been for more than six years. He was not a tramp or beggar, but is shown to have worked at honest labor in the city, when work could be obtained; and when he could not find employment where he made his home he would go into the country and try and earn an honest penny by selling scissors, knives and pistols, and by sharpening scissors and knives. So far as the testimony shows he was peaceable and law-abiding; he had never been arrested in his life, nor had he ever before this unfortunate occurrence been charged with any crime. Witnesses who had known him for six or seven years and whose standing in the community where they live has never been questioned, and whose reputation for truth and veracity has never been doubted, say of him that he is honest, industrious, peaceable and law-abiding. No witness lifts his voice to speak aught against him or casts a shadow upon his life up to the moment of the unfortunate act for which he was tried. He spent the day in Delaware, plying his occupation till evening, when he went to the railroad depot west of the city with the purpose of taking the evening train for Marion. If he spoke an unkind word during the whole of that day to a living soul it is not recorded in the testimony, and was not disclosed in the trial of the case to the jury. He went peaceably about the town, earning an honest dime wherever he could, until the hour of his leaving for Marion, and while waiting for the train which would carry him from Delaware he is asked by a young man who is waiting for the train to sharpen his knife, which he cheerfully did and then returned it to him.

"The testimony shows that after handing the knife to its owner, the young man, who

sat down by Feenan on a bench and began to wipe the knife off on his shoe, the defendant reached in the box of his machine and took out a revolver, took two steps toward the persons who were sitting on the bench, and shot. The man who was the unfortunate victim of the shot was Feenan. They had never met before, had never spoken a word to each other; there had been no quarrel between the defendant and any person there on that occasion. Nothing had occurred, so far as the testimony discloses, to provoke the defendant to make the most innocent assault of words upon any person on that occasion, or during the day. The shooting cannot be explained consistently with the defendant's guilt and it cannot be reconciled on any other hypothesis than that it was accidental and the result of misfortune.

"The conduct of the defendant after the shooting,—what he said and did,—is not inconsistant with his innocence and is easily explained when the surroundings are taken into account. He was in a strange country among strangers, knowing little of our customs or laws; he evidently thought his life was in danger, and he was ready to act upon the suggestion of the only friend he had, and when that friend told him to flee he was quick to act upon the suggestion and ran for his life. But notice his conduct. How at variance with the conduct of a desperado,—reckless man that he must have been if he had intentionally shot Feenan. To what place of refuge did he flee? Why! with his pursuers close upon his heels, all the time in plain sight, he crawled under a pig pen.

"Think of this would-be murderer deliberately shooting down a fellow, in broad daylight, at a public place, with numerous persons around—then running to a pig pen and crawling under it; and when the persons come up, he crawls out trembling and says, 'I did not shoot the man.'

"Mervin Kuhns, the Fostoria murderer, would scarcely have shown such courage and daring. Yet because of his fleeing and the contradictory statements he made to the town marshal, his feeble statement of innocence is rebutted and he was properly convicted. They say moreover that he was not excited, that he was remarkably cool for a man who had shot another,—and this is claimed in face of the fact that the defendant crawled under a pig pen to hide from an excited mob who were calling out: 'Get a rope and hang him.' He must have been very deliberate and composed when he made to the marshal the statement claimed. Besides, there is great doubt as to what he did state to the marshal, or at least of what he meant to state, for the marshal says himself it was hard to understand what he said and he even had to get an interpreter to talk to him before he could understand what he meant.

"That the defendant was shocked and horrified at what he had unintentionally done, when he saw that he shot Feenan and saw the blood flowing from the wound, is perfectly apparent from his conduct which followed. Instead of doing that which a desperate criminal would have done, to wit: retained the revolver as a defense against arrest, he threw the pistol down and fled to a pig pen. He did not know and could not tell how the shooting occurred. One thing he knew and has always asserted,—that is, that he did not intentionally shoot; and had no purpose of doing Feenan or any one else harm; and this is decisive of the case. And now, having presented these views, we are willing to rest the case with the court.

"I did not appear for the defendant in the trial below. I have never spoken to him, I never saw him until brought into court and arraigned upon the indictment, and I have never seen him since he was conducted from the court room after his trial. I was present at his trial and listened to the testimony given to the jury.

"I was impressed (as were others) with the insufficiency of the evidence to warrant a verdict of guilty. I heard the verdict of the jury and was astonished at the same. I thought then as I think now, that it was not warranted by the testimony, and so believing, I, without promise of reward or the hope thereof, filed informally

a motion for a new trial. Counsel who tried the case below not appearing, the motion was over-ruled and sentence pronounced. I then thought it was the duty of some member of the bar to present this case to the court upon the record and give the defendant one chance at least for his liberty, so I have brought the case before the court and now plead the cause of the 'stranger within our door,' and ask for him at the hands of this honorable court, a careful and unprejudiced review of the case (which I know it will give), and when I have secured that for him, I have done only that which I would wish another to do for me or mine should misfortune overtake me or them."

The marriage of Mr. Marriott was celebrated December 31, 1874, when he was united to Miss Flora Minges, daughter of John E. and Lydia Minges, of Peru, Huron county, Ohio. Our subject and his wife have had four children, one of whom is deceased.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Marriott is prominently identified with the Masonic order, having taken all the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites, and having served as Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., and also as High Priest of Chapter No. 54, Royal Arch Masons, at Delaware, Ohio.

FRANCIS CLYMER STANLEY.—The subject of this review is one whose ancestral history touches not only the pioneer epoch in the annals of the Buckeye State, but also traces back to the colonial history of the nation, and to that period which marked the inception of the strongest republic the world has ever known. Himself a representative business man of Edison, Morrow county, it is then particularly consistent that a review of his life be incorporated in this volume.

The father of our subject was Milton Stanley, who was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, where he was born November 5, 1812, the son of James and Rhoda (Cobbs) Stanley. The original American ancestor of the Stanley line came from England about 1660 and made settlement at Hanover, Loudoun county, Virginia, he and his family being members of the Society of Friends, or, as they are ordinarily designated, Quakers. The mother of the subject of this sketch was Elizabeth (Martin) Stanley, a native of Tuscarawas county, this State, where she was born on the 22d day of January, 1815, the daughter of John and Sarah (Michner) Martin, the former of whom came from Holland. He served for eighteen months in the American army during the war of 1812.

The Michner family came to America with William Penn and settled with his colony in Philadelphia. The great-grandfather Stanley came to Ohio in 1805 and settled in Columbiana county, being one of the early pioneers of that locality. The Stanley family was represented by six or seven young men, and the Cobb family, which settled there at the same time, comprised in its number six or seven young women. The result of this association in that early day can readily be anticipated, for we find that three of the Stanley boys found their respective wives from the eligible members of the Cobb family. One of the former, James Stanley, was the grandfather of our subject. He died about 1818, leaving a widow and four children, the father of our subject being the eldest child. The mother subsequently consummated a second marriage.

Milton Stanley came to Marion county, Ohio, in 1835, settling three miles west of

the point where the village of Cardington is now located. Here he entered claim to 160 acres of Government timber land, and began operations by causing the forest trees to yield dominion under the sturdy blows of the swinging ax. In 1852 he disposed of the farm, which had been well reclaimed, and removed to Indiana, settling on a farm in Marshall county, where he died on the first day of September, 1865. His widow survived until 1888, her demise occurring in Kansas. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are living at the present time, the complete record being given briefly as follows: Robert C. married Maria Cornelius, and they had ten children, their residence being in Ottawa county, Kansas; Mary Jane, wife of Newton Alldaffer, died in 1872, having been the mother of two children; James M., a resident of Tescott, Kansas, married Helen M. Tucker, and they have four children; Francis C. is the immediate subject of this review; Samuel O. is a resident of Ottawa county, Kansas; Lydia died at the age of thirteen years. The sons all served as volunteers during the late war of the Rebellion. The father and mother were devoted and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Milton Stanley was an ardent Abolitionist, and was one of the prime movers in effecting the organization of the Republican party in his locality, being a man of highest honor and of much influence, although he had never accepted political preferment in an official way.

Francis C. Stanley was born October 22, 1844, in Marion county, Ohio, and was raised on the farm, receiving his preliminary educational discipline in the district schools and supplementing the same by attending for one year the Friends' Academy, at Woodbury, Ohio.

July 28, 1862, he gave the distinctive evidence of his patriotism and loyalty by enlisting for service in the late war, as a member of company D, Seventy-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, entering as a private. The regiment was recruited at South Bend and after its organization was sent to Richmond, Kentucky, and there faced the forces of the rebel General, Kirby Smith, within six weeks after leaving home,—engaging the Confederate troops in a lively skirmish, and thereafter proceeding to Louisville, same state, covering a distance of forty-eight miles in twenty-three hours,—from Lexington to Frankfort. Here the regiment was assigned to Harker's Brigade of Wood's Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps. This brigade was General Sherman's famous old brigade. In this command they started in pursuit of General Bragg, through Kentucky, traversing all sections of the State and having numerous skirmishes with the enemy. They drove Bragg from Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee, and then proceeded to Murfreesboro and participated in the battle at that point, being there assigned to General Strait's brigade, having been engaged in building fortifications about Murfreesboro for three months prior to such assignment, which was made April 1, 1863. In this connection Mr. Stanley proceeded with his regiment down the Cumberland river to Fort Henry, thence to Pittsburg Landing, and they figured as mounted infantry on the ensuing raid to Rome, Georgia, being with the command of General Grierson from Pittsburg Landing to Corinth, Mississippi. They proceeded across Alabama, burning much property on the way; they had exhausted their amunition, were surrounded by the the enemy and being 300 miles below the

Union lines, were surrendered by General Strait. Mr. Stanley participated in the following named battles: Stone River, Tennessee; Sand Mountain, Alabama; Black Warrior Creek, Alabama; Blount's Farm, Alabama; and many skirmishes with bushwhackers. May 3, 1863, he was captured and was sent to Atlanta, where he was held for a few days and then transferred, to Knoxville, and finally to Richmond, where he was held in captivity at Belle Isle prison for a fortnight. The last of May he was paroled and was sent to Annapolis, Maryland, and then to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. The terms of surrender were that officers and privates were to be paroled and that the officers were to be allowed the retention of side arms. The officers were held for twenty-two months, with the exception of those who escaped through the tunnel at Richmond.

Mr. Stanley passed ten days at home and then reported at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, and was exchanged just in time to take part in the capture of General Morgan, capturing twenty of his men on a little island below Cincinnati, following along the river to keep Morgan from recrossing, and thus continuing until the noted raider was captured. Our subject then returned to Camp Morton and was assigned duty in guarding these prisoners until they were transferred to Chicago. Our subject was taken sick and was confined in the hospital at Indianapolis for six months, and during the major portion of the time that he was thus incapacitated for active service at the front, he had charge of one of the hospital wards. Finally he went to Nashville, Tennessee, and was assigned garrison duty at Fort Negley, subsequently being sent to assist in guarding railroad lines in northern Alabama, his regiment as yet having few commissioned officers. October 1, 1864, he was again detailed as nurse or attendant, entering the hospital at Decatur, Alabama, being there placed, with only 300 men, at the time General Hood surrounded the city, their escape being effected by a strategic ruse. Mr. Stanley then went to Stevenson, Alabama, and there remained for a time, late in 1864. He rejoined his regiment at Paint Rock, that State, where an almost constant guerilla warfare with bushwhackers was kept up for three months, several being killed on both sides during these minor engagements. He remained there until his discharge, July 8, 1865.

After his discharge our subject returned to the North and took up his residence on a farm in Morrow county, this State, remaining there until the spring of 1867, when he purchased a farm in Lincoln township, two miles east of Cardington, remaining there until 1886, when he removed to Cardington, where he was engaged in the hardware business for four years. He then came to Edison and effected the purchase of his present general merchandising business, which is one of the representative enterprises of the thriving village, the business having been greatly widened in scope and in amount of stock carried and the annual sales having reached the notable aggregate of $12,000. In addition to his general mercantile line, Mr. Stanley also handles farming machinery and implements.

The marriage of our subject was consummated October 23, 1867, when he wedded Miss Sarah Ann Hicklen, a half sister of Dr. J. H. Jackson, of Edison, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Stanley was born in

Columbiana county, this State, October 20, 1847, and completed her education in the Friends' Academy at Damascus, Ohio. They are the parents of three children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Rev. E. H. Curtis, of Gravity, Iowa; John Milton, and Sarah Frances. After the war Mr. Stanley made his home among his uncles for some time. He became a member of the Quaker Church in 1867, and in 1872 he was acknowledged as a minister in the orthodox Friends' Church, having ever since continued to exercise his clerical functions and having traveled much in the work of his church, visiting Kansas, Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa, and also laboring zealously in this State. He has filled all the official positions in his church, having been a pioneer in the revival work of this simple and noble religious organization, with which he has been so conspicuously identified. He has been president of the Ohio Mission Board, and clerk of the quarterly and monthly meetings.

While on the farm Mr. Stanley was greatly interested in the the breeding of fine stock, and at the present time he is secretary of the Ohio Spanish Sheep Breeders' Association, having been one of its incorporators and having served as secretary since 1886. Since 1882 he has been connected with the Ohio State Wool Growers' Association, having formerly been one of its directors.

He has been an active politician, and in 1871 he identified himself with the Prohibition party, lending his aid and influence to the cause for a full decade, after which he decided that the sought-for reforms could better be secured through the medium of one of the old parties, and he accordingly espoused the Republican cause, and has been a valued and active worker in its local ranks. He was a candidate for Probate Judge, in 1890, but met defeat in the Democratic land-slide of that year. He was Morrow county's candidate for Congress before the fourteenth district convention, held at Mt. Vernon, June 21, 1894. In a local way he has been a member of the Board of Education, acting as its treasurer, and has served as a member of the Common Council. Fraternally he retains a membership in James St. John Post, No. 82, G. A. R., of Cardington, having been Past Commander, and holding the rank of Colonel in the district organization. He is also identified with the Mt. Gilead organization of the Union Veterans' Legion, being Chaplain of the same. He is also a prominent member of the order of Knights of Pythias, being Past Chancellor Commander, and being the local representative of the Grand Chancellor. He has also held preferment in the order as Master of the Exchequer and as Treasurer. He has been prominently identified with temperance work and has been a member of lodges of the Good Templars and the Sons of Temperence,—an active organizer in both.

ABRAM THOMSON.—In northern Maryland, at the village of Taneytown, Abram Thomson was born, on the 15th of October, 1814. In this tranquil, old-time village, which was drawn, in spite of itself, into the turbulent current of history, Abram Thomson spent the first seventeen years of his life. He was the second son of Hugh Thomson, who was an officer of the Maryland forces, actively participated in the defense of his native State and its commercial metropolis

against the British invasion; and at the time of the birth of our subject, was absent with his command at the front, and very shortly after that event was sent home wounded from the scene of conflict. His opportunities for education were meager. There being no public schools at that time in Maryland, he could attend only the private schools, which were very inferior. In these he received a mere rudimentary training; beyond that he was self-taught. Having a passionate fondness for reading, he was naturally drawn to the village printing office, in which at the age of fifteen he accepted an opportunity to learn the business of printing. He accompanied the office on its removal to Frederick, and from thence, at a later date, to Westminster. From that place he emigrated, at the age of eighteen, to New York city, where he was employed as a compositor in some of the leading printing offices, including that of General James Watson Webb's daily Courier and Enquirer, which was then the leading commercial newspaper of the country, and was absorbed in what is now the New York World.

By diligent use of the opportunities which he thus obtained, the young Marylander became thoroughly proficient in his craft. He acknowledged no superior as a compositor, and was particularly expert in the management of difficult manuscripts, among which he had to deal with the hand writing of Hezekiah Niles and Horace Greeley, both of whom were then a chirographic terror to ordinary type-setters.

Summoned by the illness of his father, he returned from New York to his native village and after a brief stay there, in September, 1834, at the solicitation of George Sharp, who then published the only paper in that place, The Gazette, he went to Delaware, Ohio. Went into partnership with Mr. Sharp and after a short continuation of the connection it was terminated by the sale of Mr. Sharp's interests to Judge David T. Fuller. Two years later Mr. Thomson purchased Judge Fuller's interest, and became sole proprietor, which he has remained from that time to this excepting a period of six years, from 1865 to 1871, during which a one-half interest was held by Mr. Alfred E. Lee.

In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. In 1847–8 he represented Delaware county in the lower branch of the Ohio Legislature, and in 1849–50 represented the district composed of the counties of Franklin and Delaware in the State Senate. Was a member of the Whig State Central Committee, when, in 1854, it assembled at the capitol and finally disbanded the organization, merging it into the Union party, which soon after took the name of Republican. In 1860 he was one of the Presidential Electors and with his colleagues cast the vote of the State for Abraham Lincoln. In 1861 he was appointed Postmaster of the city of Delaware, and was reappointed in 1865, both appointments being made by President Lincoln. Since retiring from that position, which he filled with honor to himself and benefit to the public service, his time and attention have been absorbed by his duties as editor and proprietor of the Delaware Gazette, of which, for several years past, he has issued semi-weekly and daily editions.

In local affairs Mr. Thomson has borne a conspicuous part. The movements and efforts which brought about the construction of the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railway had his active participation. During the war of the Rebellion he not only

performed excellent service through the medium of his paper in supporting the prosecution of the war, but gave ready heart and hand to the comfort of the soldiers in the field and their dependent friends and families. On several occasions he has served in the town council, as an officer of the township in which he resides, and as a member—usually chairman or secretary—of the Whig and Republican County Central Committee.

When the State Industrial Home for Girls was established in 1869, Mr. Thomson became, by appointment of Governor Hayes, a member of its first Board of Trustees. Mr. Thomson served as member and secretary of this board continuously for nine years—1869–1878.

Mr. Thomson comes of a long-lived ancestry. He is one of a family of nine children. At Delaware, on the 17th of December, 1839, he married Miss Delia Storm, who died March 7, 1848, leaving three children—two sons and a daughter. On the first of December, 1852, he was married at Urbana, Ohio, to Miss Sallie M. Wright, of which two sons were born, who with their mother, and the children of the first marriage, are all yet living.

For the science and practice of horticulture Mr. Thomson has always had great fondness. Such have been his aptitude for this subject and the attention he has paid to it that for many years he has been recognized as a standard authority on horticultural matters. In the development of the new varieties of flowers and fruits he has not only had infinite pleasure but marked success. Within the narrow limits of a town lot he has been able to produce at one time as many as eighty different species of pears—mostly on dwarf trees—of which he made a specialty. His grapery has been noted for the rarity, beauty and luxuriance of its products. The so-called Delaware grape, which has acquired fame both in this country and Europe as an unsurpassed hardy variety, owes its discovery, development and introduction to him.

Such, in brief, is the story of this useful life. It inculcates many valuable lessons and sets forth many claims to our respect, but none, perhaps of weightier import than that which is expressed in the words once uttered in the presence of the writer by a distinguished citizen of Delaware, now no more: "Abram Thomson is the soul of integrity."

LEVI L. BENSON, M. D.—One of the most highly honored citizens of Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, and one whose life has been devoted to good works, is he whose name initiates this review. Dr. Benson was born in Harford county, Maryland, September 17, 1829, the son of Levi Benson, who was born in Frederick county, that State, February 9, 1783, and whose death occurred February 10, 1865. He was a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Scott) Benson. Our subject's mother, Rachel (Lancaster) Benson, was a native of Harford county, Maryland, where she was born May 27, 1790, the daughter of Jesse and Mary Lancaster, both of whom were of English descent. Her demise occurred March 28, 1886. Both parents were members of the Society of Friends.

The marriage of our subject's parents was celebrated in Harford county, Maryland, and soon after they located on a farm in that county, where they remained until

1837, when they removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, where the father died, the mother dying in Belmont county, this State.

Levi Benson was twice married, the issue of the first union having been four daughters, namely: Hannah, deceased; Sarah, widow of William A. Harlan, resides in Chester county, Pennsylvania; Mary Ann, died early in life; Pamelia, married Caleb Harlan and both are now deceased. By the marriage to the mother of our subject there were six children, namely: Elizabeth, widow of John E. Lee, of Belmont county, this State; Emily became the wife of Knowis Doudna, of Guernsey county, and both are now deceased; Jesse is deceased; Julia is the wife of James Carter, of Cardington township, Morrow county; Rachel L. is the widow of Jesse Doudna, of Quaker City, Guernsey county; and Levi L. is the subject of this review.

Dr. Benson, who was the youngest of the children, was but seven years of age when his parents removed from the East to Guernsey county, this State, and his first schooling was received prior to this removal, and after arriving in Ohio he attended the public schools of Guernsey county. In his twentieth year he went to Maryland and was a student in the Oakland high school for a brief period, after which he returned to Guernsey county and remained at the paternal home until the time of his marriage, in March, 1855, when he was united to Miss Elizabeth Sharp, a native of Cardington township, this county, and a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Sharp, pioneer settlers in Morrow county. The former died in Muscatine, Iowa, at the venerable age of ninety-seven years. The wife of our subject passed into eternal life June 20, 1856, leaving one son, Thomas L., who now resides at Marble Cliff, near Columbus, this State, being Postmaster of the town, where he also carries on a thriving grocery business.

The second marriage of Dr. Benson was consummated August 12, 1862, when he was united to Minerva H. Boggs, who was born in Morrow county, February 23, 1840, the daughter of Rev. William and Frances Boggs, early settlers in the county, the father having been for many years a prominent clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject met a second bereavement in the death of his cherished and devoted wife on the 24th of March, 1894. She was the mother of four children, of whom we make brief record as follows: Horace W., born May 16, 1863, married Nettie Hulse and they have four children; Frances M., born January 1, 1866, remains at the paternal home; Emily E., born June 29, 1868, is the wife of Henry R. Raub, a mechanic, of Bucyrus, Ohio; and Merrick L., born November 26, 1870, was drowned in Olentangy river, near Columbus, April 20, 1891.

While in his 'teens our subject began the study of medicine in a somewhat desultory way, and in 1856 he took up a regular course of professional study under the preceptorship of Doctor Jones, of Loydsville, Belmont county, and he thus continued his reading for two years, after which he located near Spencer Station and there remained in practice until 1859, when he came to Morrow county, locating in Cardington township, where he was a successful and honored practitioner for a full score of years. For many years while in the practice of medicine he was also engaged in ministerial work, though not yet ordained, and for the past twelve years, being in full

standing as a minister in the Society of Friends, he has devoted his entire attention to this noble cause, traveling from Illinois to New York, and his earnest and devoted efforts have been fruitful in good results and in the furtherance of the interests of the true and simple religion of which he stands as an exponent.

Dr. Benson is a man of unassuming manners, is sympathetic and charitable, and is honored for his spotless life as well as for his marked intellectual and professional ability.

The appending poem from the pen of our honored subject was contributed to a recent number of the United Friends, and is entitled "He Leadeth Me, Oh, Blessed Thought:"

In all this world, through all its cares,
Its fleeting hours of pain or grief,
From all life's seeming ills, O Lord,
Thy constant presence brings relief.

No labor now, no pressing fears,
No heavy laden task to bear,
To battle on with false ideas
Is now made light beneath Thy care.

Thy hand to lead, Thy Truth Divine
A standard on my pilgrim way,
Thy promised Life shall never cease
To turn all darkness into day.

I ask no higher boon; I crave
No greater privilege than this,
To walk with God, to know, to feel
My hand, my life secure in his.

H. L. BAKER, Mayor of Delaware, Ohio, is one of the self-made men of Delaware, and his position as chief officer of the city is evidence of his great popularity. Personal mention of him is appropriate in this work.

Henry L. Baker was born in Orange township, Delaware county, Ohio, October 30, 1841. Early in life he was thrown upon his own resources and the success he has attained is due to his own efforts. In the year 1863, he married Miss Mary A. Angle, a native of New Jersey. After their marriage they located on a farm in the neighborhood in which he was born, where they remained one year, whence they removed to Worthington, Franklin county, Ohio. A year later they took up their abode in Westerville, same county, where he engaged in the grocery and provision business, in partnership with Mr. H. Foos, and where he remained two years. His next move was to Lewis Center, Delaware county, and for nine years he was employed there as agent for what is now the Big Four Railroad Company. In 1876 he came to Delaware, and until 1878 remained with the Big Four, having charge of construction trains. It was during that time that he built his property at the corner of Railroad and Sandusky streets, where since that time he has been engaged in the grocery and coal business.

Mr. Baker has been elected to office by the Democrats, and is alike popular with both parties. He has served three terms as as Councilman of Delaware and is now serving his third term as Mayor of the city, having been elected Mayor the third time in 1894. For twenty-two years Mr. Baker has been identified with the I. O. O. F. and he is also connected with the Masonic fraternity, having taken all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children, viz.: William Frederick, who is in railroad employ at Tarlton Springs, Florida; Sue E., wife of T. C. Jones, son of Judge Jones; and Laura Etta, wife of Clifton W. Sears, of Delaware.

REV. F. W. C. WIECHERS, pastor of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Marysville, Ohio, has had this charge since September, 1892. Before proceeding to a sketch of his life, we give a brief history of the church.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Marysville was established in the year 1878 by the consolidation of two organizations. In 1882-3 its present church edifice, the finest in the city, was erected at a cost of $18,000, and its present membership is 300 communicants, while its usual congregation is nearly twice that number. This church is connected with the Joint Synod of Ohio and other States. Its first pastor, Rev. F. Zagel, was succeeded by Rev. J. M. Koepplin, now of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who filled the charge for nine years, and who in turn was succeeded by Rev. J. E. A. Dœrman. Rev. Dœrman officiated here most acceptably for five years, and upon his removal to Washington, D. C., where he is now located, the subject of our sketch was called to the pastorate of the church.

At the time this church was established a parochial school was also organized. It started with twenty pupils, has kept pace with the growth of the church and other advancements in the city, and at this writing it has 122 pupils enrolled. At first the pastor was its teacher and he continued as such for three years. Then J. F. Bergener was employed, and is still retained, and in 1893 the school had increased to such an extent that it was necessary to divide it and employ another teacher, and Carl Schaub, of South Chicago, was called to fill the place. These gentlemen are proficient teachers and under their able management the school has attained a marked degree of excellence.

Rev. Wiechers was born in Hanover, Germany, December 18, 1854, son of Ludwig and Mary Elanora Wiechers, members of the Lutheran Church and people of the highest respectability. His father was a manufacturer of umbrellas. Young Wiechers attended the graded and afterward the high school in Hanover up to the time he was sixteen, when, on account of his father's failing health, he was obliged to drop his studies and take charge of the business. After his father's death, which occurred May 16, 1871, he remained with his mother until 1873, when he came to America. Here he at once entered Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated with the theological class of 1878, and in August of that same year he entered the ministry. His first charge was at Patricksburg, Owen county, Indiana, which he filled for four years. Then he was pastor at Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio, eight years, and for two years and nine months was at Covington, Ohio, being called from the latter place to his present charge, where for two years he has served most acceptably.

Rev. Wiechers is eminently a self-made man. He worked his way through college by teaching during the vacations. While in Covington he officiated as a member of the Board of Education, and here in Marysville he is on the Board of Health. His mother followed him to this country in 1874 and is now a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Wiechers was married December 31, 1878, to Miss Catharine Heintz, a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a daughter of Adam and Mary Heintz, and they have an interesting family of five children,—Herbert A. W., Mary Leonora, Clara Catharine, Oscar Fredrick and Flora Caroline. They lost one child by death, namely, Leo Martin.

Yours truly
Robt. F. Bartlett

In his political views, Rev. Wiechers is in harmony with the principles advocated by the Democratic party.

ROBERT FRANKLIN BARTLETT, to whose ancestral and personal history we now direct attention, is one of the representative lawyers of Morrow county and retains a residence at Cardington. His father, Abner Matthews Bartlett, was born April 16, 1816, in Kingston township, Delaware county, Ohio, and was a school-boy with Gen. W. S. Rosecrans, John Hall and other natives of that township. He was a son of Abner and Obedience (Mix) Bartlett, the former of whom was born in Catskill, Greene county, New York, November 16, 1787, and the latter at Farmington, Hartford county, Connecticut, April 24, 1785. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Timothy Mix, born January 27, 1810, is a resident of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Sarah Ann, born August 10, 1811, died in Morrow county, Ohio, April 27, 1872; John De Mott, born September 18, 1813, died at Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio. Abner Matthews was the father of our subject; Polly Maria, born June 14, 1818, is the wife of John Barler, of Gilead township, this county; Wealthy, who was the wife of the late David B. Blue, died in this county; Joel Root died, in December, 1863, in McDonough county, Illinois; Mary Jane, widow of David M. Fredricks, lives at Lima, Ohio; Abel Weed is a resident of Eden, Delaware county, this State; and Loruhamah, deceased, was the wife of Alvin Kasson.

Abner Bartlett was a son of John and Loruhamah (Matthews) Bartlett. The genealogy of the Bartlett family is traced back to Adam Barttelot, a follower of William the Conqueror, and of Norman extraction. A descendent of Adam B., Sir Walter B. Barttelot, now lives on the original estate which was granted to Adam Barttelot by William the Conqueror, in 1066, for military services at the battle of Hastings, said estate being located at Stopham, in Sussex, England. The name has undergone many changes, being now spelled "Bartlett" by all the family, both in England and America, except by Sir Walter B., afore mentioned, who retains the original orthography.

Emigrations of the Bartletts from England to America have occurred at various times, and the following brief record touches upon this emigration: Robert Bartlett came in 1623 and settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts; another Robert Bartlett reached America in 1632 and settled in Hartford, Connecticut; John Bartlett, 1634, located at Newbury, Massachusetts; Thomas Bartlett, 1634, located at Waterloo, same State; Richard Bartlett, 1635, located at Newbury, Massachusetts; George Bartlett, 1641, Guilford, Connecticut; Henry Bartlett, 1680, Marlborough, Massachusetts; George Bartlett, 1733, Boston, Massachusetts; Roger Bartlett, 1749, Boston; F. R. Bartlett, 1803, New York; John Sherren Bartlett, 1815, Boston; Louis Bartlett, 1880, Cleveland, Ohio. Besides these there were some others, who settled in the vicinity of Salem and Marblehead, Massachusetts, prior to 1640, the dates of their arrival in the New World being not clearly ascertained. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was Josiah Bartlett, who was born in 1720, and who died May 19, 1795. In the pavements of an old stone church on the ancestral estates, in Sussex, England, the Bart-

letts may find their genealogical record for many generations.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Sarah Nickols, was born January 7, 1819, in Loudoun county, Virginia, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Thomas) Nickols, who were Friends, the former having been born November 30, 1780, and the latter, who was the daughter of Owen and Martha (Davis) Thomas, having been born June 13, 1782. They came to Morrow county (then Marion county), Ohio, and settled just to the south of Mt. Gilead. He entered a tract of 960 acres of land here in 1824. He returned to Virginia, where he died March 21, 1827. Before his death he gave his slaves deeds of manumission and they were afterward brought with the family to Belmont county, Ohio, where they settled. The widow and her family came to what is now Morrow county in 1827 and settled on a quarter section of land, a part of which tract is now included in the county fair ground, the old homestead being located on the hill where the residence of Philip Wieland now stands. Sarah Nickols died June 23, 1839. Her children were fourteen in number, namely: John, born October 4, 1802, died in Missouri; Mahala, born July 25, 1804, died in childhood; Ruth, born November 3, 1805, married Alban Coe and died in this county; George, born May 24, 1807, died in Morrow county, in September, 1885; Albert, born June 28, 1808, died in Missouri, having been a soldier in the Mexican war, as was also his brother John; Harriet, born March 30, 1810, married Robert F. Hickman and died in Perry county, Ohio; Massey, born December 13, 1811, died in Morrow county; Margaret, born August 4, 1813, became the wife of Abraham Coe and died in this county; Martha, born April 26, 1815, married Preston Friend and died in Iowa; Ann, born July 13, 1817, married Jacob Painter and died in Morrow county; Sarah, was the mother of our subject; Mordecai, born May 22, 1820, died in Virginia; Mary E., born May 11, 1822, married Joel R. Bartlett and died in McDonough county, Illinois; Nathan, Jr., born May 11, 1826, died in the same county. All of these children were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, and twelve of the number grew to maturity.

The marriage of our subject's parents was solemnized in Marion (now Morrow) county, November 9, 1837, and they settled at Mt. Gilead where the father was engaged at his trade as a blacksmith and maker of edged tools. In 1847 he moved out to a farm in Congress (now Gilead) township, in the vicinity of the present county infirmary; in 1868 he removed to North Bloomfield township, where he remained for ten years, after which he returned to Mt. Gilead and took up his abode in the old Hahn homestead, where he lived until his death, August 31, 1885. His wife had passed away many years previous,—March 27, 1856. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Robert F., subject of this review; Wesley Clark, born September 24, 1842, died December 7, of the same year; John Oscar, born January 24, 1844, was a soldier in the late war, participating in the battles of Shiloh and Stone River, and being killed in the battle of Chickamauga, September 19, 1863: he was a member of Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was Corporal of his company: after the battle in which he met his death the Union forces retreated, leaving their dead unburied for days, and his body reposes among the unknown dead in the national cemetery at

Chattanooga, Tennessee; Julia E., born December 8, 1845, is the wife of John B. Gatchell, of Marysville, Kansas, a veteran of the late war: they have two children, Fred Burns and Frank Paul; Althea, born June 7, 1848, married George W. Montgomery, who is now deceased, having left one son, George H.: Mrs. Montgomery subsequently married John Bortner and now resides near Mt. Gilead, this county, having one son by her second marriage, namely, Clarence; Sarah M., born October 1, 1850, is the wife of William A. Braden, of Washington township, this county, and they have six children: Ida, Charles, Homer, Ray and Ralph (twins), and Arthur; Albert W., born February 22, 1854, married Anna, daughter of the late Thomas Graham, of North Bloomfield township, and is a resident of Marysville, Kansas: they have two children, Bessie and Thomas; Nathan Herbert, born January 22, 1856, married Cora Bartlett, daughter of Dwight Bartlett, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have three children, Helen Genevieve, Oscar, and Ernest: he is a graduate of Lebanon College, this State, is a man of scholarly attainments, and is principal of the public schools of Mt. Healthy, Hamilton county. The parents were zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the father had held official positions in the same, being an earnest worker in the cause of religion. Politically he supported the Democratic party until 1852, when he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, to which he ever after gave an unqualified affiliation. He served as Justice of the Peace in North Bloomfield township for a period of six years. He eventually consummated a second marriage, being united to Eliza Annette Adams, January 4, 1857. She was a native of Livingston county, New York, and her death occurred in July, 1873. They were the parents of five children, namely: Charles Wilbur, born October 14, 1857, died February 16, 1865; Fred Willis, born May 15, 1859, married Ella, daughter of Sheridan Cox, of Canaan township, and they reside in Oketo, Kansas, having one daughter, Blanche; Elmer Ellsworth, born October 28, 1861, died October 8, 1865; Annette May, born June 20, 1863, graduated at the Mt. Gilead high school in 1882, and the Normal College at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1883, and in 1887 she graduated at the State Normal School, at Oswego, New York, and since April, 1887, she has been the principal of the Normal Mission School for young women of the Presbyterian Church in the city of Mexico: in her graduation at Oswego she bore away the highest honors of her class: at the present time, September, 1894, she is taking advantage of a year's vacation granted her, by pursuing a course of special study in Wellesley College, Massachusetts; Alice P., born August 31, 1867, is a teacher in Marshall county, Kansas.

Abner Matthews Bartlett married for his third wife Emily Helt, widow of J. C. Helt, this union being solemnized October 14, 1874. By her marriage to Mr. Helt she was the mother of four children, namely: Marilla, wife of Lemuel Wright, resides near Fredericktown, Ohio; Winfield Helt, a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church; Legrand Helt, recently deceased, and Nellie, the wife of Henry R. King, resides at Miles City, Montana.

Robert Franklin Bartlett, the immediate subject of this review, was born at Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, April 8, 1840, receiving his preliminary education in

the district schools and thereafter attending the public schools of Mt. Gilead, for two years and then the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, for two years.

At the close of the college year of 1862 he enlisted, August 2d, as a private in Company D, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the organization of his company he was made Second Sergeant, and January 26, 1863, he was promoted to Orderly Sergeant. He participated in the battles mentioned below: Chickasaw Bayou; Arkansas Post, at which place he was wounded in the head by a shell; the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, having been present at the first attack, December 28, 1862, at Chickasaw Bayou, and for the six intervening months (except seven weeks in March and April when he was sick with typhoid fever at Milliken's Bend) he was continuously with his regiment and on duty, until the surrender of Vicksburg (July 4, 1863) with its munitions of war and over 30,000 prisoners. The regiment was present thirty-five days of the siege and was under fire almost constantly, night and day. At Grand Coteau, Louisiana, he received a gun-shot wound in the left fore-arm and elbow and was taken prisoner. With other wounded, both Union and Confederate, he was left at a mansion about three miles inside the Confederate lines and located about fifteen miles from La Fayette. The lady of the house, a Mrs. Rogers, accorded the wounded of both sides a most kindly solicitude and careful attention, doing all in her power for their comfort and relief. Within the evening of November 4, 1863, the wounded prisoners of both armies were exchanged and our subject was returned to the Union lines and was then removed to St. James' hospital, New Orleans, where his arm was amputated, near the shoulder joint, this operation being performed December 3, 1863. He was discharged from the service January 25, 1864.

After his discharge Mr. Bartlett returned home and gave his attention to reading law and teaching school. He was Deputy Clerk of Courts until the fall of 1866, when he was elected as Clerk of the Morrow county courts, being re-elected to this office in 1869 and again in 1872, by a majority of 737, serving in this capacity until February 14, 1876. He then resumed the study of law with Thomas H. Dalrymple, Esq., of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and, June 24, 1878, was admitted to practice, at Mt. Gilead, where he appeared before the district court for examination. He took up his residence in Cardington in October of the same year, and has since continued in the practice of his profession at this point.

April 8, 1867, Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage to Miss Martha M. Miller, who was born, in Mount Gilead, December 2, 1839, a daughter of Nehemiah Miller, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Bartlett was educated in the public schools and in the select school conducted by Mrs. Spalding in Mount Gilead. Our subject and his wife have no children, but have a foster child, Mary F., who was born in Cincinnati September 9, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are members of the Presbyterian Church and our subject is an Elder in the same. Fraternally, he is a member of both lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all its chairs. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and is Past Chancellor of his lodge. He also retains a membership in James St. John Post, No. 82, G. A. R., and from the

same has been a delegate to several State encampments, and in 1889 to the national encampment at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is a member of Encampment No. 89, Union Veteran Legion, of Mount Gilead.

Politically Mr. Bartlett is an uncompromising Republican and he has been a most active party worker, having been chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Morrow county in 1893, and having been a delegate to various conventions of his party. He has been for many years the incumbent as permanent secretary of the reunion association of his regiment, a preferment to which he was called by his old comrades in arms.

Mr. Bartlett is a man whose life has been ever in accord with the principles of right, justice and honor, and it is needless to say that he holds a place in the confidence and respect of the people.

HON. SAMUEL LEWIS, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser living near Radnor, is the present Representative from Delaware county in the State Legislature of Ohio. He was born in South Wales, and when a child of three years was brought by his parents, John and Sarah (Hughes) Lewis, to the United States, the family locating first in Licking county, Ohio, where they made their home for fifteen years.

When Samuel was a young man of seventeen he apprenticed himself to a man in Columbus, Ohio, to learn the trade of plastering, and after serving for a period of four years, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business, he formed a partnership with a Mr. Williams, with whom he carried on operations for three years. Their connection was then dissolved and Mr. Lewis was then alone in the plastering business for nine years. When that period had passed he abandoned his trade and removed to Radnor township, Delaware county, purchasing a farm near the banks of the Scioto river, directly west of the village of Radnor, then called Delhi.

On Christmas day of 1856, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lewis and Miss Mary J. Gallant, daughter of Elisha and Eleanor (Moore) Gallant. Her father was killed by being kicked in the head by a colt. For one week he lay unconscious and then passed away, on the twenty-sixth of November, 1871. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have been born five children: S. Ella, who was born November 28, 1857, and was married November 5, 1878, to E. E. Jones; E. Judson, born December 25, 1859; E. Minnie, born April 5, 1863; M. Adel, born January 19, 1869; and Lizzie, born February 17, 1873. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Mr. Lewis is now the owner of 360 acres of rich and arable land which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved with all the accessories of a model farm. Its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision and tells to the passer-by the story of his enterprise and progressive spirit.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their family are members of the Baptist Church. In his youth our subject received but limited educational privileges but in later years has read and studied quite extensively and is now one of the best informed men in his township and county. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for more than twelve years, discharging his duties with commendable promptness and fidelity. He

is a warm advocate of the Republican party and its principles and in the fall of 1893 was elected on that ticket to the House of Representatives, receiving a majority of 888 votes, the largest ever given to a candidate for that position for twenty-five years. Soon after taking his seat in the Assembly, he was made chairman of the committee on the Girls' Industrial Home and became a member of the committee on public lands and public buildings and the deaf and dumb asylum. He introduced into the House a bill changing the commissioners' pay from a fee to a salary, thus saving to his county considerable expense. Mr. Lewis labors for the best interests of the people, and during his career as a member of the Legislature has shown that the confidence the people placed in him has not been misplaced. His public and private life are alike above reproach and we take great pleasure in presenting his biographical record to our readers, knowing that it will be received with interest by many.

WATERMAN HILL, whose magnificent farmstead, in Union township, Union county, Ohio, lies just contiguous to the thriving village of Milford Center, stands as the representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the Buckeye State and as one of the must successful and substantial farmers of the county, being most clearly entitled to specific mention in this connection. He was born in Union township and his entire life has been passed therein, but, unlike the prophet, he is not without honor in his own country.

Aaron Hill, father of our subject, was a native of Windham, Connecticut, a son of John Hill, the family being one of much prominence and long residence in that State, its men being loyal and honorable both in times of peace and war. The brother of Aaron was Captain Abel Smith Hill, who was a commissioned officer in the war of 1812, and participated in the most decisive actions of that conflict. The latter died October 9, 1840, aged forty-seven years and nine months.

To those of the present end-of-the-century period the tales touching the old pioneer days read like a romance. Time has placed its softening hand on the records which told of privations, hardships and vicissitudes, leaving a picture strongly limned, but with an obscurity of detail like that of the mellowed tones and misty atmosphere of the canvas of one of the old masters. Those who can give reminiscent glances into the remote past, which marked the formative epoch of our commonwealth, are fast passing, with bowed forms and silvered heads, through the gate of eternity, and with avidity should their utterances be treasured, for in their words lies the deeper history of the pioneer days,—the individual history which is the veritable nucleus of all.

In 1830, more than an half century ago, Aaron Hill left his home in Connecticut and started on that long and tedious journey to what was then the practical Western frontier, arriving in Ohio without money and yet determined to win success, even against great odds, and to make for himself a home. He located in this county and here remained for three years, when he returned to the old home in the East and made ready to bring his wife with him on his return. The equipment for the journey was a slight variation from that most in favor with the emigrants who were traversing the weary stretch of

country. He manufactured with his own hands a one-horse wagon and this unpretentious vehicle served as the means for transporting himself, his wife, and their worldly possessions to the sylvan wilds of their new home, where, in a primitive domicile, they installed their household gods and prepared for the battle of life on the frontier. The wife of Aaron Hill was Lucinda, daughter of Andrew Robinson, and, like her husband, she was a native of Windham, Connecticut. She was a lineal descendant of Rev. John Robinson, from whom a genealogical tracing has been prepared as follows, by Rev. William Allen, of Northampton, Massachusetts:

Rev. John Robinson, born 1575, was graduated at Cambridge University, England, in 1600; was pastor with Pilgrim Fathers; died March 4, 1625. He is one to whom history refers as the "pastor of that colony, originally from England, known by the name of Puritans." He is spoken of as an able and pious man, whom his congregation loved and who with them disposed of their property and prepared for their removal to Holland, which at that time granted a free toleration of worship to different denominations. This was in 1607. After a number of years had passed here, becoming dissatisfied, the pilgrims went to Delftshaven, in the south of Holland, where they were to embark for the New World. To this port they were kindly attended by many of their brethren and friends from Amsterdam and other places, and, on August 5, 1620, the pilgrims went on board the Mayflower and Speedwell, sailing from Southampton on that memorable voyage for the New World.

As already stated, Rev. John Robinson died in 1625, and in 1629 his wife came over to the colony of Plymouth, accompanied by her children, by name as follows: John, Isaac and Fear. Isaac settled near Plymouth and had a son, Peter, who was one of the original members of the church in Scotland Parish, Windham, Connecticut, 1735. He had nine children, namely: Peter, Israel, Thomas, Simeon, Isaac, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth and Martha. Peter had twelve children, as follows: Samuel, Experience, Peter, Elizabeth, Jacob, Nathan, Abner, Ruth, Eliab, Rachel, Bathsheba, and Joshua. The children of Experience, son of Peter, were by name as follows: James, Tryphena, Elias, Elethia, Lydia, and Andrew. Peter, the father, died at Windham, Connecticut, in 1849, aged eighty-five years.

Elisha, son of Andrew, had nine children, as follows: Hovey, Mary Ann, W. D., Olive, Simeon H., Augustus, Samuel M., Frederick and Elisha. The father died in October, 1875, aged eighty-five years. Andrew was twice married; by his first wife, Olive Hovey, he had nine children, as follows: Albigence, Ebenezer, Elisha, Permelia, Triphena, Lucinda, Dorcas, Urban, and Darius. By his second wife he had four children: Newton, Lydia, and the twins, Augustus and Harriet, who were drowned when young, having gone onto the ice, which gave away beneath them.

Dorcas married Archibald L. Bates and became the mother of three children, namely: Andrew, who died at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, April 1, 1853, aged twenty-four years, ten months and twelve days; Amelia, who died at the Delaware, Ohio, Seminary, July 30, 1852, aged nineteen years, ten months and ten days; and Asa G., who died near Irwin Station, Union county, April 8, 1894, aged fifty-eight years and six days.

Lucinda, daughter of Andrew, has been already mentioned, and she was the mother of the subject of this sketch. She was born in Windham, Connecticut, July 22, 1798, and remained in the East until June 3, 1833, when she married Aaron Hill and came with him to this part of Ohio to encounter the experiences of the new-country life. Faithfully she upheld him in the discharge of his duties and was ever a true helpmeet in times of prosperity and adversity alike, leading an humble Christian life, exemplary in her sweetness of spirit and kindly influence. She died near Irwin Station, August 31, 1883, in the eighty-sixth year of her age.

The farm upon which Aaron Hill and his wife located was yet a portion of the unbroken forest, but, nothing daunted, they set valiantly to work to improve the same and to reclaim from nature's hand the benefices she had in store. Coming here a poor man, Mr. Hill was enabled, by industry, frugality and good management, to develop a fine farm and to attain a high degree of incidental success. He was a man of broad intelligence and in a sense was one far abreast of his time, for while the avarage farmer of the locality and period was content to follow the drudge-like work so essential, and to give no thought to the ultimate conditions which would maintain, Mr. Hill's ken far transcended this narrow and sordid limitation, and his aim was not only to keep pace with improvement and progress, but to anticipate them. Thus it is not strange that he was found ever in the lead, nor that, as the years went by and children were gathered about the old hearthstone, he determined that these, his cherished offspring, should be fortified by wider educational opportunities than those afforded by the district schools. To them came by inheritance the sterling principles of honesty and integrity and a wholesome respect for the dignity of labor, but, beyond this, the parents, with self-abnegation, removed to Yellow Springs and there remained for a considerable length of time, in order that the children might take advantage of the educational opportunities afforded by Antioch College, one of the earliest institutions of the sort in this section of the State. The parents lived in Union township until they were summoned into eternal rest, the father's demise occurring November 24, 1862, and that of the mother on the 31st of August, 1883, as already noted. Mrs. Hill was an earnest Christian woman and a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her life was one of signal purity and beauty and her death the consistent merging into immortality. The father was distinctively prominent in the community and was progressive in his methods and honorable in all his dealing with his fellow men. In connection with the general work of the farm he engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of cheese, and the "Hill cheese" had an enviable reputation about the State fully fifty years ago.

Aaron and Lucinda Hill reared three children, namely: Waterman, subject of this review; George, now a resident of Colorado; and Aaron Augustus, who resides at Irwin Station, this county.

Waterman Hill was born on the old homestead farm in this county, November 5, 1834, and there passed his boyhood days, attending the district schools and finally completing his educational discipline at Antioch College, which institution he was one of the first students to enter after its doors were thrown open. He has been intimately associated with the noble art of

husbandry throughout his entire life and in this field he has attained success and honor. Some years ago he purchased the Hiram Stokes farm of 333 acres, and this remains his home, having been, under his effective management, developed into one of the most productive and most thoroughly improved places in the county. A thorough system of drainage has been perfected and there are miles of tile drains ramifying throughout the farm; the many fields being fenced in approved style, and communication to all parts of the place being afforded by a series of gates, more than fifty in number. The family residence is a fine modern structure of spacious order and the accessories and substantial improvements about the farm also include commodious barns and out-buildings, a model windmill, which furnishes water for stock and culinary purposes; and numerous other appurtenances which serve to facilitate the work of the model farm, which everywhere gives evidence of the substantial prosperity of the proprietor.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated December 9, 1857, when he wedded Miss Susan E. Bennett, a woman of education and gentle refinement. She was born in Vermont, February 12, 1837, the daughter of William and Experience Bennett, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Hill was reared by her aunt, Mrs. John Smith, of Union township, and received her education at Granville and Antioch, this State, having been for several years an efficient and popular teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of four children: Anna L., who is a successful teacher in the public schools of Milford Center; Ollie, who is the wife of J. Leny Boerger, who conducts the leading clothing establishment at Marysville, this county; Mattie C., a graduate of the Milford high school, class of 1887; and Blanche M., who is a student in the same school and a member of the class of 1895.

In politics our subject is a stanch Republican and has taken consistent interest in local affairs of public nature, but has never consented to accept political office, finding his chiefest pleasure and satisfaction in the management of his farm and in the enjoyment of his cultured and happy home.

CARY B. PAUL, president of the First National Bank of Delaware, Ohio, and one of the representative business men of the county, must be accorded specific recognition in a work of this sort, not alone by reason of the prominent position which he maintains, but also with ulterior view to the incentive which the record of a success attained by personal effort may prove to those who in time to come may peruse these pages.

Nathan and Henrietta (Bell) Paul, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, early identified themselves with the pastoral life and enterprise of the Buckeye State, and on a farm in Knox county, Ohio, their son, Cary B. Paul, was born, the date of his nativity being April 21, 1832. The lineage of our subject traces to Scotch and Irish sources, and certain of his maternal ancestors are recorded, in the annals of the period, as having been active participants in the war of the Revolution. Nathan Paul was a man of quiet and domestic tastes, a Democrat in his political views, a man of strong convictions and unswerving integrity. He had been reared on a farm, and to agricultural pursuits he devoted his attention

until the time of his death, which occurred in Delaware county, in July, 1846, while he was still a young man and while his son, our subject, was but a boy. His widow survived him for a number of years, passing away in the year 1879, at the home of her elder son. These worthy and honored parents bequeathed to their three children not a rich heritage of pecuniary sort, but the nobler one of sterling character, correct principles and honest industry,—the best of equipment for the competitive struggle of life.

The subject of this review was the oldest of the three children, and upon him devolved much of the responsibility of maintaining his widowed mother and his brother and sister. His boyhood days were passed in the free and untrammelled life of the farm and his education was secured in the common schools. He had pursued his studies with avidity and was preparing himself to enter college when the death of his father rendered it practically necessary for him to subordinate his personal ambitions and wishes for the sake of those near and dear to him. He assumed the burden cheerfully and without reservation, at once turning his attention to the work of the farm and thereafter continuing to manage the old home place until he had attained the age of thirty years. His labors in this regard were not directed in a blind or careless manner, but natural characteristics and an aptitude for affairs of greater breadth soon made themselves manifest to the extent of yielding consistent results. He turned his attention specially to stock raising and dealing and to the wool business. It is interesting to note, in this connection, that in the latter line of enterprise he has ever since continued, having for many years handled the greater part of the wool product of Delaware county, and operated quite extensively in other wool-growing counties of the State. Thus it may be seen how Mr. Paul's efforts were early directed toward the goal of eminent success.

When but twenty-three years of age and while residing on his farm, Mr. Paul was elected County Commissioner, serving in this capacity for two terms. The confidence in which he was held in the county was placed in still further evidence in 1861, when he was elected Treasurer of Delaware county. In the fall of 1862 he removed to the city of Delaware for the purpose of entering upon the discharge of his official duties. He held the responsible office for two terms, after which he retired from the political field and once more turned his attention to his private business, which had grown to be one of quite extended scope,—in the way of conducting his farm and dealing in wool and live stock.

The First National Bank of Delaware was organized in February, 1863, and was duly incorporated with a capital stock of $100,000. In the organization of this well known and important monetary institution Mr. Paul took an conspicuous part, being one of the original stockholders, and being soon thereafter chosen as one of the Board of Directors. He held the position of vice-president of the bank for several years, and, in 1878, he was elected president of the institution, having ever since continued as chief executive of the same.

The old home farmstead, in Harman township, comprised 250 acres, and this tract is still owned by Mr. Paul, who has added to the same by successive purchases until he now has a magnificent place of some 800 acres. As prosperity attended his efforts Mr. Paul continued progressive in his attitude and methods, seeking to widen his

field of operations as rapidly as consistent with conditions. He has handled valuable real estate in the county and also in the capital city of the State, Columbus, where he has erected certain buildings which are numbered among the finest of the modern structures in the city. To all enterprises which have conduced to the public welfare he has ever been ready to extend influence and substantial aid. He was one of the promoters of the Electric Light Company of Delaware, and is president of the organization.

A man of notable capacity for affairs of breadth, with a most discriminating judgment in regard to the conduct of business, it comes in natural sequence that our subject has attained a representative position in the community, being one of the county's most substantial and public-spirited capitalists. In politics he is identified with the Republican party and maintains a consistent interest in local and general affairs touching public polity.

The much abused phrase, "self-made man," applies with peculiar distinction to Mr. Paul, who has been the architect of his own fortunes, who has builded upon sure foundations, and who has not been narrowed into selfish confines by his application. To his brother and sister he appeared in the dual capacity of father and brother, showing a constant solicitude in affording them advantages which he himself had been denied. He has been alive to progress and to human sympathy and thus his character has rounded itself into symmetrical proportions, —a life well worthy of study and emulation. His brother, Benjamin, is a resident of Sunbury, Delaware county, and his sister Hannah, is the wife of Simon Thompkins, of Columbus, Ohio.

Turning in detail to the domestic life of our subject we find that in the year 1856 he was united in marriage to Miss Jerusha Roberts. They became the parents of three children: Frank C., who is a farmer in Delaware county; Edwin N., who resides on the old homestead; and Daisy L., who is the wife of J. M. Jones, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Paul died in 1864, and in 1880 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Stanza M. Hunt, of Columbus, two children being the issue of this union, namely: Henrietta B. and Florence G. Mr. Paul suffered a second bereavement in the loss of his wife in 1889, and in 1891 he was married to his present companion, Sarah C., *née* Brown, of this county. The family home is a pleasant and attractive place, located on West William street.

It will be apropos in this connection to briefly revert to the history of that institution at the head of which our subject presides. The First National Bank of Delaware, Ohio, was organized, as already stated, in 1863, with a capital stock of $100,000 and a charter to lapse in twenty years. The first president of the institution was Benjamin Powers, the others of the original executive corps being Cary B. Paul, vice-president, and William E. Moore, cashier. In 1883 the charter of the bank was renewed, the capital stock being retained at the same figures as before. During its existence the bank has had only two presidents, our subject succeeding Mr. Powers in 1878, and having held the position since that time. There have been three incumbents in the office of cashier: Mr. Moore, John E. Gould, and George W. Powers, the last named being the present cashier and a son of the first president of the institution. The banking office was

first opened in the Hotel Delaware building, and shortly afterward the building at present occupied was erected by the bank, the quarters being commodious and convenient.

Mr. Paul is a thorough business man and his position in the community is one in which the highest respect and popularity are marked. It is particularly consonant that in connection with a review of the life history of the leading citizens of Delaware county this attention be accorded him.

JOHN M. BRODRICK.—Generic history in every instance must trace back to its essence in the specific, and this specific essence in the history of human life and human achievement is ever sprung, root and branch, from some objective prototype, some individual or class of individuals, whose actions and efforts have formed the background of the general history, which can be but the reflex of the individual, with incidental reference to environment with its modifying or broadening influences. It is in this sense that biography becomes the nucleus of all history, making clear beyond peradventure the progress, the opulent achievement which stand as composite entities whose basic elements must ever remain obscure unless cognizance be taken of the individual accomplishment and the individual life. In rendering then the history of any people or nation there is a scientific historical necessity for biography, and in tracing the growth and development of any institution the impression must be deepened and the salient points emphasized by tracing simultaneously the life history of those whose efforts have conserved this advancement.

In the case at hand we find one whose name has been most intimately and conspicuously identified with the history of Odd Fellowship in Ohio; one who has gained the highest State preferment in the order and one, who, as an honored resident of Union county and a man of excellent professional attainments, can by no manner of means be passed with mere cursory mention in a work of this nature.

John Morral Brodrick may well claim a distinct identification with Union county, Ohio, for in this county was he born and in it has his life been passed. The place of his nativity is the present farmstead of his father, Isaac Brodrick, in Allen township, and the date thereof May 19, 1854. From infancy until that proud moment when he looked forth upon the world from the proud eminence of a legal majority of years our subject remained upon the old home farm, attending the district schools during his boyhood years and incidentally gleaning valuable instruction from his environment, for "nature of course hath schools; men all may read from alphabets around them." During the years of his minority, then, he remained with his father, but he industriously improved every moment afforded him for the acquisition of that broader education which he had firmly determined should be his. That his studies represented to him something more than mere theoretical knowledge was early brought into practical evidence, for in 1873 he appeared in the capacity of teacher of the school in his home district, continuing such incumbency for three terms. By natural temperament the young man was not vascillating but was peculiarly reliant and decisive. It is then to be taken as granted that he early formulated plans for his future, and while teach-

ing he had reached an ultimatum and had decided to prepare himself for the legal profession. Accordingly, when the new year of 1874 was ushered in, he celebrated the event by entering the office of the then prominent law firm of Porter & Sterling, of Marysville, and under their effective preceptorage taking up the study of Kent and Blackstone. That he was a close student and an avidious and determined one is made most clearly manifest in the fact that within but little more than eighteen months after he began his course of reading in law he was admitted to the bar.

Since November 14 of the Centennial year Mr. Brodrick has been in the consecutive practice of his profession in this city, and December 7, 1886, he was admitted to practice in the United States courts. He has retained a large and distinctively representative clientele and at the present time he stands forth as one of the most able, popular and successful attorneys in the county.

Though devoted to the work of his profession, our subject has not escaped public preferment, having taken a consistently active interest in the political affairs of the county and city and having been staunchly arrayed with the Republican party. In 1881 he was elected, without opposition, to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of the county, and his incumbency in this position covered a period of six years, his dispensations meeting with general approval and support from all classes. In 1878 he was elected City Clerk and served in this capacity four years. He was chosen as a member of the Common Council in 1889, and filled the office for one term, declining a re-election in consequence of having been selected as attorney for the Marysville Light and Water Company.

It is with particular gratification that we revert to that phase of our subject's career which has to do with his connection with that noble fraternal organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for, by reason of his connection therewith and the high preferments which have come to him in the gift of the fraternity, his name has become familiar to residents of all sections of our favored commonwealth. On the night of June 12, 1875, Mr. Brodrick received his initiation into the mysteries of the order, becoming a member of Marysville Lodge, No. 87. He had at the time but passed his twenty-first birthday anniversary, and yet within three years he had passed all the chairs in his lodge. Within the winter of 1875 he was admitted to membership in Marysville Encampment, No. 114, and has since passed the chairs in that branch of Odd Fellowship. His executive ability and his unswerving fidelity to trusts already reposed in his keeping resulted in his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master, and he has also served several times as District Deputy Grand Patriarch. In 1886 he was representative of Union county in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, continuing in that capacity for a period of four years and being appointed to a membership in the committee on appeals, whose functions are the most important in connection with the work and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

In the matter of effecting the codification of the laws of the Grand Lodge Mr. Brodrick was most conspicuously identified, his work in the connection standing in lasting evidence of his ability to bring to a thorough system matters involving great breadth and multitudinous details. He was a member of the special committee appointed for the performance of this arduous task, his asso-

ciates being Judge J. W. O'Neall, of Lebanon, now Past Department Commander of the Ohio G. A. R., and B. S. Dryfus, Past Deputy Grand Master, of Zanesville. By these official confreres to our subject was delegated the work in hand, and the by-laws drafted by him have gained recognition as model documents in their province, having been adopted by many of the Grand Lodges throughout the Union.

This excellent service naturally brought Mr. Brodrick into a position of no slight prominence before the fraternity and his subsequent progress in official preferments in the Grand Lodge of the State was brilliant and rapid, eventuating in his being called to fill the office which represents the ultimate honor which that body has in its gift to confer. In 1891 he was elected Grand Warden and his installation occurred at Cleveland in May of the following year. Within the time of his service in this capacity he was elected Deputy Grand Master, being installed at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, held at Put-In-Bay, in May, 1893. In November, 1894, he became a candidate for Grand Master, the highest office of the order in Ohio, and was elected unanimously and without opposition, receiving five more votes than did the next candidate who had no opposition. The celebration of installation to this honorable and distinguished office occurred at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Cincinnati, in May, 1894.

Mr. Brodrick is also prominently identified with other secret fraternal orders: In the Masonic lodge he is Past Master in high standing, being also a member of Marysville Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M. He is Past Chancellor of Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias, and is also a Past District Deputy Grand Chancellor of the same order. He is a charter member of the Magnetic Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, and also of Mary Chapter, No. 9, Order of the Eastern Star, in which connection he has had high honors conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge, having served for one term as Associate Grand Patron and being at the present time incumbent as Grand Patron, which represents the highest preferment any man can hold in the order.

In conclusion we turn briefly to the domestic life of our honored subject, finding that on April 16, 1878, were celebrated the nuptials of himself and Miss Narcissa M., daughter of Benjamin T. and Mary K., (Newhouse) Benton, prominent residents of Delaware county. Mr. and Mrs. Brodrick are the parents of three children: William Floyd, who was born May 7, 1879, and who is now a member of the junior class in the Marysville high school; Ferne, who was born August 31, 1882; and Adda, born March 23, 1887. The family residence is pleasantly and eligibly located on Ash street, Marysville.

No more fitting close to this brief review can be offered than in the reiteration of the following sentences which appeared in a recent edition of the Marysville Tribune: "Our people are justly proud of Mr. Brodrick's record, both in civil life and in the orders in which he is interested. It is by a faithful performance of the duties which his various offices have imposed that he has gained the confidence of his brethren and fellow citizens. He has earned the prominence he thus gains and deserves the support of all who are in any way interested in the town or the secret orders to which he belongs."

HENRIE E. BUCK, who is intimately concerned in a line of industry which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community,—that agency which implies operations in the way of real-estate transactions and the negotiating of financial loans,—occupies a distinctively representative position among the business men of Delaware, Ohio, and for this reason, as well as that of the wide range of his operations, it is eminently befitting that he be accorded due recognition within the pages of a volume whose province is the consideration of the lives of the representative citizens of the section with whose interests he is closely identified.

Reverting in brief to the more salient points in the early life of Mr. Buck, we find that he is a native of Delaware county, Ohio, where he was born March 1, 1849, the son of Israel E., who died August 30, 1854, and Sarah W. (Van Deman) Buck, who is now living. The father, Israel F. Buck, was a prominent member of the bar of Delaware county. Our subject was educated in the common schools of the city of Delaware, and was enabled to supplement this preliminary training by a course of study in the Ohio Wesleyan University, located in the same city.

Attaining maturity, and being of active and alert nature, he was not long in identifying himself with local business interests, engaging in the enterprise of coal dealing, and thus continuing for a period of three years. At the expiration of this time he became intimately concerned in railroading operations, serving in various capacities about fourteen years. In this line we may note that he was in turn conductor on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway (the Big Four route), the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, and the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw; later he was superintendent of construction on the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, and also the New Orleans & Northeastern (now the Cincinnati Southern, or Queen & Crescent), and finally became trainmaster on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

Returning to Delaware in 1887, Mr. Buck identified himself with that line of enterprise in which he is now engaged, soon developing a fine business, with a representative clientage. By his progressive methods, his discriminating knowledge of real-estate values, and his marked fidelity to the interests of those represented upon the books of his agency, he has brought the enterprise to a point where it stands in position scarcely subordinate to any of like order in this section of the State. The agency gives special attention to the reliable and facile discharge of all its functions,—in the way of negotiating loans, collecting rents, exchanging of property, buying and selling of mortgages, placing of insurance, conveyancing and making abstracts of title, and the management and administration of estates. Real estate and business property in divers sections of the Union are represented, and the agency affords a wide range for transfers in all lines. Mr. Buck platted an addition to the city of Delaware in 1891, and at successive intervals has platted three additions to the city of Toledo, one each in the years 1889, 1892 and 1893.

The confidence in which our subject is held in the community has been clearly shown on several occasions, though he has been in no sense an office-seeker. He served one term (1887-1888) as Mayor of the city of Delaware, and in 1892 was Presidential

Elector on the Democratic ticket, representing the eighth Congressional district of Ohio, maintaining at all times a consistent interest in the political affairs of the city, State and nation.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Buck is identified with the Masonic order, Knights Templar degree; with the I. O. O. F., being a Past Grand; is also a member of the Encampment; of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is Past Chancellor; and of the Elks. He at present holds the preferment as secretary of the Delaware County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Buck was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Glenn, of Urbana, Ohio, September 20, 1876, and they are the parents of three children: Anna D., aged fifteen years (1894); Clara G., aged thirteen; and Joseph Henry V., aged eight.

DR. WILLIAM FREDERICK WHITE.—Holding marked prestige among the professional men of Union county, enjoying high popularity, and maintaining a representative position as identified with the business life of Marysville, it is manifestly consistent that in this connection attention be directed to the more salient features in the life history of him whose name initiates this review.

Dr. White is a native of Toronto, Canada, where he was born November 1, 1855, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Hull) White, the former of whom was born in Germany, the latter in the Dominion of Canada. The mother is deceased, but our subject's venerable father is still living, his home being near London, Ontario, where he conducts a fine farm. In his early manhood he studied the science of architecture and became quite renowned for his ability in this line. He was a child of about twelve years when his parents came to America and took up their residence in the New World province of the English throne. They came from Nurtlingen, Germany, having a large family of boys, most of whom now reside in the vicinity of Niagara Falls. The father of our subject has been a man of no little prominence in the Canadian dominion, being a staunch Reformer and having taken a somewhat active part in public and semi-public affairs. His children were nine in number, of whom two died in infancy and of whom six are still living. We offer the following brief record in regard to those who lived to attain maturity: Tillie, who became the wife of Dr. G. H. Gilbert, of Cleveland, Ohio, is deceased; David is a resident of Canada, where he is engaged in farming; Anna is the wife of Dr. Ira Patterson, of Detroit, Michigan; William F. is the subject of this review; Charles A. is a physician of Cleveland; Carrie remains at the old home; Addie is the wife of Dr. D. C. McTaggert, of Bryan, Ohio.

Our subject was reared on the paternal farmstead and received his literary education in the public schools of Canada and in the normal school at St. Thomas, Ontario, where he graduated in 1871, the youngest member of his class. He at once turned his attention to teaching in the public schools, which vocation he followed successfully about three years, when, in 1875, he went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he matriculated in the medical department of the famous university of that State, remaining one year, after which he entered Pulte Medical College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated with the class of 1877. This professional training had been but the prac-

tical carrying out of plans which the Doctor had formulated in his boyhood days, and he thus realized his ambitions. Indeed, he began his medical studies when but sixteen years of age, pursuing a course of reading under the direction of Dr. Leonard Luton, of St. Thomas, Ontario, one of the distinguished physicians of the dominion. The ambition and enthusiastic energy of our subject is shown in the fact that this line of study was followed in connection with the onerous duties incidental to his work of teaching.

After his graduation at Pulte, Dr. White located at Nevada, Wyandot county, Ohio, where he displayed his "shingle" with due solemnity and entered upon active practice, remaining there for a period of six years and securing a representative support in his professional efforts. Within this time there entered into his life a new element, and one that was destined to have a marked influence upon his career in the way of devotion and encouragement. He met, wooed and won Miss Lula Agnew, the daughter of J. K. and Jennie (Bibbler) Agnew, their nuptials being celebrated October 1, 1878.

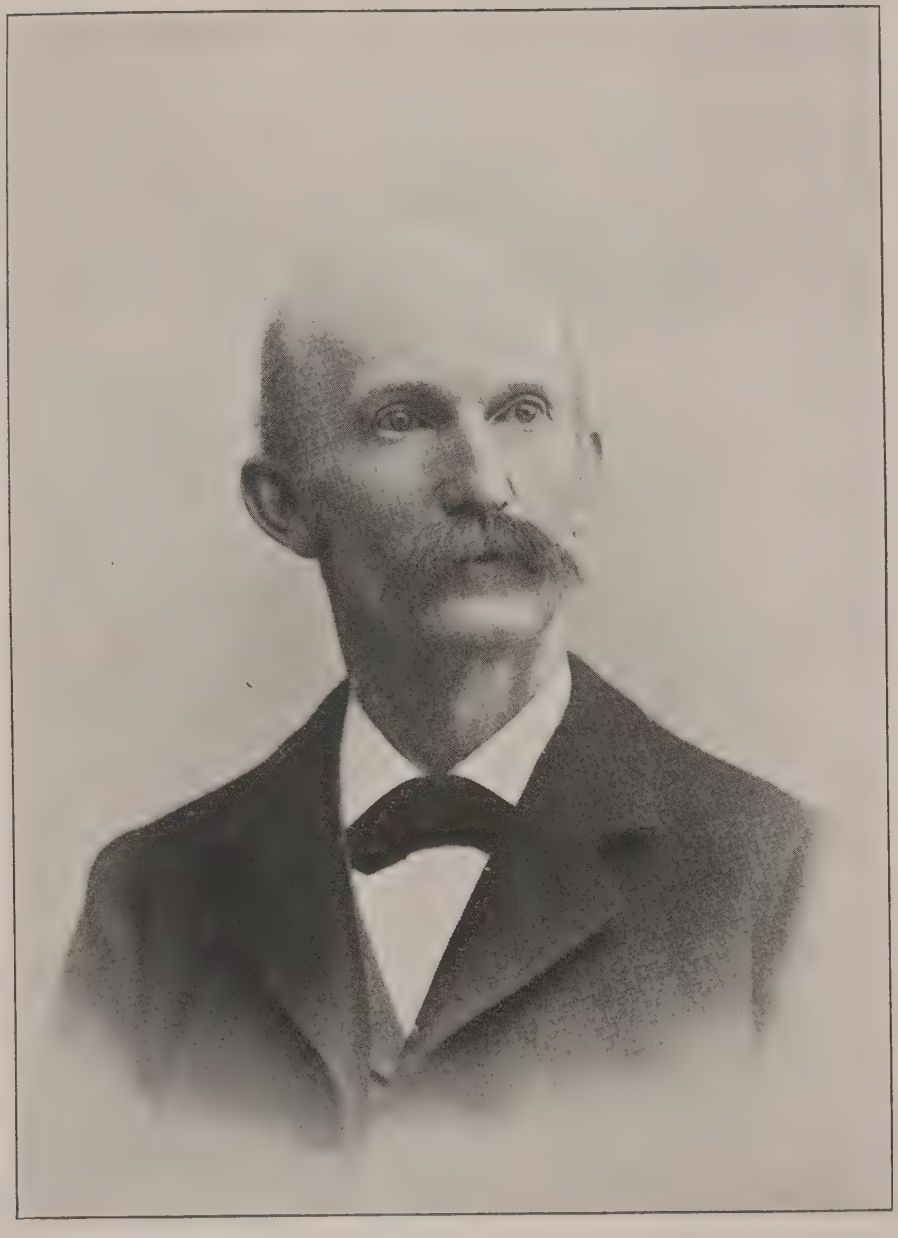
James K. Agnew, father of Mrs. White, was an attorney by profession, but never followed this vocation by reason of enfeebled health. He was for some years cashier of the Nevada Deposits Bank, receiving this official preferment at the time the bank was organized. He served during the war of the Rebellion and was retired with the rank of Lieutenant. He enlisted with the Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was subsequently consolidated with the Fifty-first regiment. He was in active service during the entire term of conflict and was mustered out, at Columbus, as First Lieutenant. He died February 12, 1874, being at the time only thirty-eight years of age. He left surviving him a widow and four daughters. The eldest daughter, Lula, is the wife of our subject; Nina is the wife of J. A. Williams, cashier of the Nevada Deposits Bank; Esther is at home with her mother, as is also the youngest daughter, Marie. Mr. Agnew was an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and had served as Mayor of the city of Nevada. He was intimately identified with the Presbyterian Church, with which his widow, who is still a resident of Nevada, is still connected. Mr. Agnew was a cousin of Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, of Philadelphia, one of the most celebrated physicians in the Union.

Reverting to the fact that Dr. White remained in practice at Nevada for about six years, we find that at the expiration of this time he removed to Marysville, leaving a large and lucrative business, which he established by reason of his high professional ability, his honor and his fidelity,—attributes which never fail of objective appreciation. During these years of active labor the Doctor had been devoting himself to special study and investigation in regard to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and to the most approved methods of treating such disorders. This special work had never been made to take the precedence of his general practice, however, until he located in Marysville, when he announced himself as ready to give special attention to such classes of disease. The propriety of specialism in medical practice has engrossed the attention of many of the greatest minds in the profession, and to-day this phase of practice is recognized as expedient and as ultimately imperative. Dr. White has been particularly successful in his special work, has studied carefully and conscientiously and finds that in connection

with his general practice this special feature comes in for manifest appreciation on the part of those afflicted. With a view to keeping fully abreast of the advances made in this particular branch of the medical science, he has taken special post-graduate courses of study in the Eye and Ear Polyclinic, at Chicago.

Our subject was alone in his professional work until 1890, when he associated with himself Dr. H. A. Rodebaugh. This association continued until May, 1891, when Drs. White and Rodebaugh became identified with the introduction of the Keeley cure for inebriety into Ohio, the third coadjutor in this enterprise being Mr. S. N. McCloud, the present postmaster of Marysville. An institution for the treatment of dipsomania, according to the Keeley method, was opened in Marysville, and for some time our subject and his associates gave their attention to carrying on this creditable work. Dr. White finally resigned his active connection with the operation of the institution and resumed his general practice in partnership with Dr. C. D. Mills, with whom he is still associated.

Aside from his professional endeavors, the Doctor is identified with certain important enterprises of Marysville, being a stockholder in each the Davis Chair Company, the Robinson & Curry Manufacturing Company, and the Bank of Marysville. In 1892 he disposed of his interest in the Keeley institute, and in September of the following year he became greatly interested in a new method of treatment for tuberculosis; finding, upon careful investigation, that the method had pronounced and unmistakable merit, he identified himself with the enterprise and fitted up suitable quarters in Columbus, for the bringing of the same before the public and for the treatment of consumption and allied disorders. The treatment has proved its efficiency in cases where the test has been of the severest order, and the results have transcended the most sanguine expectations of the promoters. Satisfied of the wide field of benefice and usefulness which the treatment would fill in the behoof of suffering humanity, Dr. White effected the organization of a stock company in June, 1894, and this company has been duly incorporated under the title of the Pulmonary Chemical Company, the official headquarters being located on North High street, Columbus, where our subject has the general superintendance of the operations. Some marvelous cures have been effected, and the projectors have unlimited confidence that their method offers a permanent cure for the dread disease, consumption, in a large proportion of cases. To enter into details concerning the treatment would be both incongruous and impossible in this connection, but a few words as defining the natural and scientific methods employed may not be malapropos. The specific remedial agency is that offered by a continuous inhalation of an antiseptic, balsamic atmosphere, which brings about an inhibition of the growth, propagation and dissemination of the bacillus tuberculosis, and which, being taken into the circulation through the medium of the lungs, ramifies into all parts of the system, reaches diseased tissues wherever located and aids nature in regaining control and perfecting a cure,—all that any system of medication can claim to do. The salutary change effected in patients undergoing treatment is evidenced in many symptomatic indications: a marked increase in appetite, cessation of enervating perspiration, allaying of cough, restoration of refreshing slumber, ease of expectoration, alleviation of chest pains,



Yours Truly

Geo. W. Jones

and the resumption of deep and grateful respiration, etc. All this is attended with a gradual disappearance of the bacillus from the sputum.

Dr. White visits the institute about twice each week. For the benefit of those who are unable to attend the sanitarium, from financial or other reasons, a home treatment has been prepared.

Our subject is an ardent Republican and is at the present time a member of the city Common Council. Fraternally, he is identified with Palestine Lodge, No. 158, A. F. & A. M., and with Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias. In the Masonic order he has advanced to the thirty-second degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Musical Society of Marysville, of the Married People's Choral Union, and of the Literary Society.

Dr. and Mrs. White have two children: Carroll, aged fourteen, and Rietta, aged nine (1894). In 1892 the Doctor erected a very handsome modern residence on West Fifth street, and here he and his wife dispense the most grateful hospitality to their large circle of friends.

GEORGE W. JONES is one of the representative and leading citizens of Delaware county, Ohio, having in many ways been identified with its interests and with those enterprises which are calculated to prove of public benefit. He now owns and occupies a fine farm near Radnor, and two of his most noticeable characteristics are made manifest in his care for the same,—industry and enterprise. As he is so widely and favorably known in this community, we feel assured that this record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers, and gladly give it a place in the history of his adopted county.

Mr. Jones was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 24, 1839, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Evans) Jones, natives of Cardiganshire, South Wales, the former born in 1808, the latter in 1807. The father was a blacksmith and followed that trade in his native land for some years, when he determined to try his fortune in America and sailed with his family for the New World. The year 1836 witnessed his arrival and he located in Albany, New York, where he followed blacksmithing two years and then removed to Newark, Ohio. In that place he carried on a smithy until 1849, when with his family he became a resident of Delaware county, Ohio, and purchased 200 acres of land near Radnor, operating the same for thirty years in connection with blacksmithing. During the war he served as a regimental blacksmith in Company E, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In politics, he was a Democrat, and was a man whose worth and ability won him many friends. In 1879 he returned to his native land on a visit, and while there departed this life on the 11th of August, 1885. His wife passed away in August, 1878. She was a member of the Congregational Church. Their family numbered eleven children, eight of whom grew to mature years and became heads of families.

In the usual manner of farmer lads George W. Jones spent the days of his boyhood and youth, aiding in the labors of the field through the summer months and attending the schools of the neighborhood during the winter season. He was still at home when the civil war broke out, but on the 8th of November, 1861, he responded to the

country's call for troops and joined the boys in blue of Company E, Sixty-sixth Ohio Infantry. He took part in thirteen of the most severe engagements of the war, together with many skirmishes, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Thrice was he wounded, being struck by Rebel lead, in the battle of Cedar Mountain, in the calf of the right leg, and just above the left knee in the battle of Antietam, while at Gettysburg he was wounded in the left foot. From the effects of these injuries he has never fully recovered and in consequence the Government has granted him a pension. He continued in the service until March 14, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. The Union army had no more loyal soldier and the old flag no more valiant defender than Mr. Jones, who, ever true, was always found at the post of duty.

On the 25th of February, 1869, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Humphreys, who was born August 13, 1838, and is a daughter of Humphrey and Margaret (Griffiths) Humphreys, natives of Montgomeryshire, North Wales, who, with their respective families, came to America in early life and were married in this country. For several years her father was one of the leading farmers of Radnor township. He passed away in 1845, and his wife, who survived him many years, was called to the home beyond in 1882. With the Congregational Church they held membership, as do Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Our subject and his wife have traveled quite extensively in Europe, visiting many points of interest and becoming familiar with the noted sights and scenes of the Old World. They hold an enviable position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society, and in the county which has so long been their home have many warm friends.

Socially, Mr. Jones is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs to the U. V. L. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat, and in 1883 was elected on that ticket as County Commissioner, receiving a very flattering majority, and so well did he discharge his duty that on the expiration of his first term he was again chosen for the position. He is now successfully engaged in farming, and his business ability and good management have made him a prosperous agriculturist. Public-spirited and progressive, he manifests a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, and withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to promote public prosperity.

JAMES K. NEWCOMER, of Delaware, Ohio, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1833. In 1837, when four years of age, his parents, who were farmers, left their Pennsylvania home and removed to Ohio, settling on a farm in Holmes county, where they lived seven years. In the spring of 1844, when the subject of this sketch was eleven years old, his father and mother, with a family of six children, moved to what was then the western part of Lucas county, but which afterward became Fulton county, Ohio. Here they entered upon pioneer life, built the cabin, felled the forests and hewed out a farm in the sylvan wilds of western Ohio. The educational advantages were very crude and our subject attended district school in the winter and labored in clearing land and farm work in summer.

Having formed a taste for reading and a desire for the acquirement of information and education, on the 22nd day of May, 1852, he took leave of the home of his parents, and with a mother's blessing he walked eight miles to the village of Delta, in Fulton county, where he apprenticed himself in the office of the Fulton County Democrat and learned the art of printing. The printing office and paper having afterward been moved to Ottokee, the new county seat of that county, material was purchased by the citizens of Delta, and in partnership with W. T. Stumm he published the Independent. Subsequently, in 1857, he was elected Recorder of Fulton county, being the only Democrat elected upon the ticket. In 1861 he purchased and published the Ottowa County Democrat, of Port Clinton, Ohio. He was twice rejected, from physical causes, on application to enter the war of the Rebellion.

Early in 1864 he returned to Fulton county and located at Wauseon, a town that had been located on land he had helped to clear a few years before. He engaged in the dry-goods business, and also took an interest with his father in platting what is known as Newcomer's addition to Wauseon. In the years 1868-69 he was one of the clerks of the Ohio Senate. In 1869, he leased the Democratic paper at Elyria, Ohio, and published this for upward of one year, and in October, 1870, he purchased of T. H. Hodder the office of the Democratic Mirror, at Marion, Ohio, where he remained eight years, greatly advancing the newspaper business of that county. While connected with the Mirror he was nominated, in 1873, for Comptroller of the Treasury, by the Democratic State convention which nominated Hon. William Allen for Governor, Governor Allen being elected by a small majority only, while the balance of this ticket was defeated by a few hundred votes. Governor Allen, however, in 1874 appointed Mr. Newcomer as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Girl's Industrial Home.

In 1878, he purchased the Champaign Democrat, at Urbana, and published that paper for four years. In 1882, he was appointed to a clerkship in the office of the Secretary of State, under Hon. J. W. Newman. In 1884, he came to Delaware and purchased the office of the Delaware Herald, the Democratic paper of the county, which he conducted for ten years. In 1887 he was elected Mayor of the city of Delaware by a good majority, although there was a political majority of nearly two hundred against him to overcome. He filled the office of Mayor with credit and satisfaction. He brought to the office a power of force, the application of which found a wider range than is implied in the determining of petty offenses, made the office really what it is intended to be, the chief executive office of the city. His formal messages to the City Council were able papers on the public affairs of the city and gave the office the distinction of dignity. Under his administration as Mayor, the fine system of water works for the city was constructed. Maintaining a great interest in the substantial improvement of the city, he took the first step for the construction of an electric street railway for the city. All the preliminaries of the enterprise were pushed by his preserverance, and a franchise was granted to him individually, as but few had any faith that such an improvement could be secured. For nearly one year he labored unceasingly, until finally a home company was organized and the plant established. The enterprise is due to

the persistance and indomitable push of Mr. Newcomer.

Mr. Newcomer is an able editor, a ready writer, and deals in facts and statements. As a politician he is astute and wary and willing always to advocate and defend his Democratic faith, and while he is a strong partisan he is not offensive as a party man. He has spent his life doing for others, but has a weak faculty, politically, in accomplishing for himself. He hates double dealing and insincerity and is outspoken in denouncing party trickery and party combinations for selfish ends. As a citizen, he is honorable and is respected for his integrity, enterprise and moral standing.

JOHN L. PORTER—It is not an easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an eminently active and busy life, and who has attained to a position of high relative distinction in the more important and exacting fields of human endeavor. But biography finds its most perfect justification, nevertheless, in the tracing and recording of such an life history. It is, then, with a full appreciation of all that is demanded and of the painstaking scrutiny that must be accorded each statement, and yet with a feeling of much satisfaction, that the biographer essays the task of touching briefly upon the details of such a record as that which has been the voice of the character of the honored subject whose life now comes under review.

A native son of the Buckeye State, John L. Porter was born in Delaware county, October 10, 1828, the son of William and Eleanor (Lawrence) Porter, both of whom were natives of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish extraction, with a strain of Welsh blood in somewhat remote ancestry. William Porter came to Ohio with his parents, and the family of his future wife also emigrated here about the same time, both families locating in Delaware county, where they became prominently identified with agricultural operations. The Lawrence family was one that had long been one of considerable prominence, in which connection it may be incidentally noted that the maternal grandfather of our subject was for many years a member of Pennsylvania State Legislature, while his nephew, George V. Lawrence, was for years a member of Congress.

William Porter continued to abide in Delaware county until 1848, when he came to Union county, where he continued to reside until the hour of his death, which occurred March 15, 1868, at which time he had attained the venerable age of seventy-two years. His widow survived to attain more than three-score years and ten, which have been held as man's allotment, her death occurring June 11, 1886, in the eighty-sixth year of her life. The father of our subject ardently espoused the cause of the Free Soil party, and became an active worker in its ranks, being also prominent as a radical and uncompromising abolitionist, and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the famous "underground railway" system, through which so many slaves were assisted to freedom. He was for a number of years superintendent of the Union county Infirmary. Religiously, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was an active worker in the Sunday-school.

William and Elnora Porter became the parents of five children, of whom we are enabled to offer the following epitomized record: Jane, who became the wife of L. Weld, died in 1875; Rosanna, married J.

D. Sharp, and her demise occurred in 1877; Eleanor is the wife of Thomas E. Bowen, of New Dover, Ohio; William C. enlisted for service in the late war and met his death on the field in 1862; our subject was the third in order of birth.

John L. Porter, was reared on the paternal farmstead, assisting in the work thereof during the summer months and attending the district school during the intervening winters until he attained the age of seventeen years. He then entered Central College, in Franklin county, Ohio, where he completed a four years' course of study, and in the spring of 1849 he came to Marysville, where, in pursuance of long cherished plans, he entered the office of Cole & Winter, under whose effective preceptorship he began reading law, completing his legal studies with Cole & Coats, and securing admission to the bar in June, 1851. It is worthy of particular note that in his examination at this time he appeared before the Supreme Court, which was then holding its last term under the old *regime*, or itinerant system, which provided for the holding of sessions in different counties in turn. The session at whose holding our subject was admitted to the bar was held at Marysville, and his examination was conducted principally by Judge Joseph R. Swan, other members of the committee being Otway Curry, C. W. B. Allison and P. B. Cole.

While he was prosecuting his preparatory legal studies, Mr. Porter gave his attention to school teaching during three successive winters in order to secure funds with which to defray his necessary expenses. Having passed a satisfactory examination and been granted the privilege of practicing, for some three years he was associated in partnership with P. B. Cole, when he opened an office alone and forthwith exposed his professional "shingle" to the admiring gaze of passers-by, possessing his soul in due patience and humility as he waited for the eligible clients upon whom to begin his practice. The initial phases of any professional career are not usually typical of "flowery beds of ease," but our subject was qualified, was energetic, was ambitious, and above all, was determined to succeed. The budding professional prestige was carefully nourished, and its expansion into the full bloom of success was consistently rapid. Mr. Porter soon formed a professional partnership with P. B. Cole, an association which continued for a period of nearly three years, after which our subject was alone in his practice for a short time and then formed a partnership with Mr. J. B. Coats, which association prevailed, with slight intermissions, until August, 1862, when patriotic ardor determined Mr. Porter upon contributing his quota to the defense of his country, and the upholding of the eternal principle of right which was indisputably involved in the great fratricidal conflict which ensued. He accordingly enlisted as a member of company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service until the close of the war, being mustered out at Columbus as First Lieutenant, receiving his discharge at the national capital, in 1865, and participating in the grand review. His military record is one of which he may well be proud, his service on the field being valiant and his incidental labors arduous. He was appointed Sergeant of his company before leaving Delaware, in 1862, and during the latter half of his service he acted as Sergeant Major, his superior in that office having been killed. During the last half of his service he held commission as

First Lieutenant and as such was mustered out.

It is possible in this connection to revert in only a cursory way to our subject's military career, but the same can scarcely be passed without more definite mention than has been thus far accorded. His command was first engaged in following the famous raider, Morgan, and after a time they proceeded to Nashville, Tennessee, remaining in that State about ten months, within which period Sergeant Porter was appointed First Assistant Provost Marshal, in which position he served two months. The principal engagements in which he participated may be enumerated as follows: Perryville, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost Gap, Atlanta, Jonesborough and Bentonville. While on their way to Savannah, they had several light skirmishes with Wilson; at Kenesaw Mountain, our subject relates that he was so close to the rebel lines that he could feel the heat of the fire from the guns of the enemy. At Peach Tree Creek there was a call for volunteers to relieve the picket line, and Mr. Porter was one of the first to respond, taking eighteen men under his command and all being compelled to make a run of several hundred yards under open and constant fire in order to make the post. This one service is indicatory of the courage, brilliancy and dash which were characteristic of our subject during his military career. He was also at Chickamauga, but here he was left on detail to guard the commissary's stores, at Bridgeport, Tennessee. This battle (that of Chickamauga,) was the only engagement in which his regiment participated that he did not take an active part. At the battle of Bentonville he was wounded in the right arm while making a guard detail.

After the close of the war Mr. Porter returned to Marysville, and formed a professional partnership with Colonel James Sterling, and this association was not dissolved until our subject was elected to the bench, as will be noted later on. This firm stood as the representative law firm of the county, and in the work of securing extra bounties for soldiers it undoubtedly did a larger and more effective service than all other lawyers and agents in the county rendered in conjunction. In 1855 Mr. Porter had been elected Prosecuting Attorney of the county, was chosen as his own successor two years later, and was again elected to the office in 1865, succeeding himself in 1867, and being again chosen in 1873, serving in all ten years, his last nomination and election having been brought about almost without his knowledge. In the fall of 1876, he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and served on the bench until February 12, 1882. In this exacting office he was eminently judicial, seeing all sides of a question at once, and selecting the right side with a promptness that indicates intuitive wisdom. His rulings were at all times just and impartial. A man of inflexible principles, he was never known to sacrifice what he considers right to any rule of expediency. Other honorable official preferments have come to Judge Porter in more specifically a local sense: he was Mayor of the city in 1854; has twice served as member of the Common Council, and for a time was a member of the County Board of School Examiners. In his political proclivities and adherency the Judge is a stanch Republican and one of the leaders in local political affairs. Touching the present business association of Judge Porter, it may be said that in 1882 he admitted to partnership

in his legal practice his son, Edward W., who had pursued the study of law under the preceptorship of his father and secured admission to the bar in 1881. He is a young man of much natural talent, conspicuous professional ability and devoted to his work. The firm of Porter & Porter stands forth most unmistakably as one of if not the strongest of legal associations in the county, retaining a representative clientage, and holding marked and recognized precedence.

The marriage of Judge Porter was consummated in Delaware county, April 11, 1852, when he was united to Miss Anna R. Benton, daughter of the late Edward Benton, a prominent resident of that county. Judge and Mrs. Porter had three sons who lived to attain mature years, and one daughter, who died in infancy. Edward W. is associated with his father in the law practice, and whose history is given in another place. Deruelle S., who has been connected with the Pension Department in a clerical capacity for the past twelve years, having, during the past three Congresses, been assigned to detail work with the Committee on Invalid Pensions. In 1888, at the request of the chairman of the Pension Committee of the lower house, he was delegated by the Secretary of the Interior as advisory clerk to said committee, and afterwards was one of two chosen to codify the pension laws: he married Miss Mattie P. Bethel, daughter of Union Bethel, of Evansville, Indiana, and they have two children. Dana C., the Judge's youngest son, died August 19, 1889, at the age of twenty-four years; he was a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, class of 1884; taught in the public schools of Marysville for about two years, after which he went West for the benefit of his health, accepting a position as assistant superintendent of the public schools of Pueblo, Colorado, and remaining there one year, after which he returned home to soon after meet an untimely demise.

In his fraternal relations, Judge Porter is prominently identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, of Marysville.

Touching in conclusion points that have more particular reference to the subjective characteristics of the Judge, we may say that he is exceedingly quick, seeming never to hesitate in judgment, and always ready in argument or repartee. He is genial, urbane and large-hearted, has an irrepressible spirit of *camaraderie*, a pleasing *raconteur*, seldom failing to win the regard of any person who comes in contact with him, and always ready to do a kindness for a friend or stranger.

ELIAS HATHAWAY.—It is now privileged the biographist to offer a *resume* of the life of one who stands forth as an honored native resident and a representative citizen of Union county, and as one whose ancestral history has been conspicuously identified with that of the Buckeye State since the early pioneer days when were essayed the initial steps looking to its reclamation from the sylvan wilds; one whose patriotic service to his country has been unstinted, and whose position in the respect and esteem of his fellowmen is assured beyond peradventure.

He whose name initiates this review was born on the farm where he now abides, in Union township, January 26, 1844, the son of Ebenezer P. Hathaway, who in turn was a son of Dr. Nicholas Hathaway, a man of high professional attainments and one of

much prominence in public and private life during his long residence in this county. He was one of the first Associate Judges of the Union County Court of Common Pleas, which held its initial session at Milford, on the 14th of April, 1820, this being a special term prior to the first regular term, which convened on the 15th day of the succeeding month. Dr. Hathaway was a native of Massachusetts, and was a representative of one of the leading Colonial families in New England,—that cradle of our national history.

Ebenezer P. Hathaway, father of our subject, was born in the old Bay State, but was a mere boy when his parents removed to Ohio and took up their residence in the forest wilds of Union township, this county, where he grew to maturity, received his education and eventually took unto himself a wife, in the person of Mary A. Hopkins, who was born in Pennsylvania, but who was reared and educated in this county, whither her parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth Hopkins, came in an early day, the former being a native of Rhode Island and the latter of England. Ebenezer P. Hathaway settled on the paternal farmstead after his marriage and devoted himself to its cultivation and improvement until 1850, when he became imbued with the "gold fever," whose ravages in that memorable year sent so many enthusiastic men across the weary stretches of plain and mountain to the new El Dorado,—the gold fields of California. The long and perilous journey across the the plains was not completed by Mr. Hathaway until six months had elapsed, and his quest was fruitless, for he died in that distant land in the year succeeding his departure from home, and his mortal remains lie buried there, where the sunset gates open wide, far out in the crimson West. Such was the fate of many a brave and adventurous spirit who sought fortune during that period of excitement. Though his death was an irreparable loss, still he left to his widow and children a competence, represented by his real-estate interests in this county.

The children of Ebenezer P. and Mary A. Hathaway were eight in number, and of them we leave the following record: Anna is the wife of Dr. D. W. Henderson, of Marysville, concerning whom an individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume; Maria is the wife of Crawford Reed, of Des Moines, Iowa; Helen is the deceased wife of Nathan Howard, a prominent farmer of this county; Martha is the wife of Charles McMullen, of Woodstock, Ohio; Elias is the subject of this review; Benjamin met his death in a railway accident, in 1865; Mary is the wife of David Kimball, of Champaign county, and Ebenezer P. is a resident of Darby township, this county. The mother is still living, at the venerable age of eighty years, and is a resident of Champaign county. The father was a successful farmer, in politics was an ardent Whig, and was a man honored and admired by all who knew him. In religion he was a zealous supporter of the Christian Church, of which his widow has long been a devoted member.

Elias Hathaway was reared to man's estate on the paternal homestead, and was but six years of age when his father died. He was granted the best educational advantages which the place and period afforded, attending the district schools, and then pursuing a course of study in the old academy at Marysville.

In August, 1862, rendering loyal response to President Lincoln's call for 300,000 more

recruits, he enlisted for service as a member of Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Ford commanding. He participated with his regiment in the engagement at Harper's Ferry, where he was taken prisoner, but was soon exchanged, being then sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he remained for a period of one year, after which he joined General Sherman's command at Memphis, Tennessee. He thereafter participated in the battle of Milliken's Bend, the siege of Vicksburg, and the famous Atlanta campaign. In action at Atlanta Mr. Hathaway was struck by a fragment of shell, which inflicted a most painful wound in the breaking of his jaw. Our subject still preserves this piece of shell as a memento of his none too pleasant experience on that occasion. He was confined in the hospital for several months before he had sufficiently recovered from his injuries to enable him to rejoin his regiment, which he finally did, at Pocotaligo, North Carolina. He was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review, after which he returned to his home, where he has ever since remained in the acquiring of other honors, "for peace hath its victories no less renowned than war."

Mr. Hathaway is the fortunate possessor of what is conceded to be one of the best farms in Union county, the same comprising 300 acres under effective cultivation and thoroughly improved. The beautiful family residence, erected in 1893-94, is of modern and attractive architectural design, eligibly located in a park of magnificent old forest oaks, and giving evidence of the refined tastes of its occupants. Other permanent improvements are of excellent order, and discriminating care has been given to every portion of the farmstead.

September 25, 1867, Mr. Hathaway was united in marriage to Miss Huldah Bland, who was born in Madison county, Ohio, the daughter of Solomon and Abigail (Ferris) Bland, both of whom died at Milford Center, Union county, where they were honored residents for many years. Mrs. Hathaway is a woman of innate refinement and of excellent education; having been a successful and popular teacher for five years previous to her marriage. It is needless to say that the home is one in which the culture and the amenities of social intercourse are ever in evidence. The children of our subject and wife are four in number, namely: Edgar, Helen, wife of Louis Erb, of Milford Center; John, and Lucile. The best of educational advantages have not been denied the children, for Mr. Hathaway has ever been an earnest and progressive promoter of educational interests, as well as other undertakings which have conserved the higher welfare of the community. The two elder children completed their educational discipline at Antioch College, this State, and Mrs. Erb was a successful teacher at Milford Center prior to her marriage.

Politically our subject renders active support to the Republican party, and has served as Trustee of the township and in other offices of public trust, being honored as a man and respected for his ability and sterling worth of character. Fraternally he is a member of Silas Kimball Post, G. A. R., of Milford Center.

SHEPHERD CLARK.—He whose life now comes under review must be distinctively regarded as one of the representative men of Union county,—one whose prominence in the an-

nals noting the progress of agriculture in the prosperous Buckeye commonwealth is precisely similar to the position occupied, in the earlier stages of development and reclamation, by his honored father, who was one of the most intelligent and enterprising pioneers of Champaign county, where he lent his assistance in causing the towering forest to give place to the grain field, whose soil has now for years been furrowed and re-furrowed by the plowshare.

Our subject, whose paternal ancestry is of Scotch extraction, was born June 7, 1832, on the old homestead farm in Rush township, Champaign county, this State, the son of Angus Clark, who passed many years in that section, where he had occupied a position of marked prominence from the time of his arrival in the frontier settlement in an early day. Angus Clark was born in 1783, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1826 he came to Rush township, where he effected the purchase of 200 acres of densely wooded land, which he cleared and improved, subsequently adding 300 acres more to his landed estate and likewise giving his attention to reclaiming the new accessions. He lived to enjoy the bountiful harvest gleaned from the broad acres of what was one of the largest and best farms in Champaign county, his position in the community being one in which respect, honor and admiration were accorded. That line of industry which has given the Buckeye State a prestige from its earliest settlement, the manufacturing of maple sugar, secured much attention at his hands, and amid the leafy shadows of the maple forests he operated one of the most extensive sugar camps or "bushes" in the State, the product from the same reaching an annual aggregate of from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds. The death of Angus Clark occurred in 1859, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, *neé* Elizabeth Green, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Nehemiah Green, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and who passed many years of his life in Champaign county, this State, where he died at a venerable age. The mother of our subject passed away March 20, 1881, at the age of ninety-one years.

Shepherd Clark passed his boyhood days on the old homestead farm, and early became familiar with such incidental duties as were in his strength to perform, their range widening as the days passed, until he was able to take his place with other sturdy yeomen and to do a full day's work with the best of them. What this implied was far more than at the present day, for the work of clearing away the forest and breaking new land is far different occupation than following the plow as it furrows its way through the earth softened by oft-repeated tilling. Remaining beneath the paternal roof-tree until he had attained to maturity, he became ambitious to start out in life on his own responsibility, and accordingly he turned his face toward the great West, going to Iowa in 1856,—that section representing at the time the practical frontier. Here he, following in the footsteps of his honored father, likewise became a pioneer, but found not so great obstacles in cultivating the sweeping prairies as had his sire in his initial efforts in this State. He settled in Allamakee county, Iowa, and there remained for a period of four years, after which he returned to the old homestead, and there remained for a number of years, assisting in its cultivation. In 1867 he purchased his present magnificent farmstead, which comprises 635 acres, lying in Union,

Champaign and Logan counties, the portion in this county being in Allen township. The postoffice address of our subject is North Lewisburg, Champaign county. The farm has been most appropriately designated by the name of Green Bush. The character of the soil is a rich loam, and it is particularly prolific in the production of crops of grasses and cereals, and it is considered one of the finest stock farms in this section of the State The family residence, which was erected in 1877, at a cost of $10,000, is of modern architectural design, and not only stands as one of the most attractive rural homes in the county, but as unexcelled by any residence structure in the county, except by one or two in Marysville, the county seat. The interior is one which shows many of the elegancies of the end of the century period, and betokens the refinement and taste of the occupants,—a quiet, peaceful abode, which most perfectly deserves the true old name of home. The location of the house is upon a most eligible site, which commands a view of the broad demesne of the favored owner. The entire place, with its fields, its upland meadows, its orchards, its wood-lots and its substantial and well-ordered improvements, can not fail to delight the eye of the passer-by, nor to suggest to his mind the thought that here abide those whose lines are cast in pleasant places. The system of drainage on the farm is most perfect, there being many hundred rods of tile drain, which carry away all excessive water; a fine hedge-row stretches along the fertile fields for a distance of fully a mile, and in every part of the place there is unmistakable evidence of painstaking care and of an executive ability that can direct affairs with economy and success. A fine horse-barn, 60 x 80 feet in dimensions, is equipped specifically for the accommodation of the noble animals who lend such effective aid in the cultivation of the farm, while there are ample provisions in the way of sheds for produce, stock and machinery. Water for both domestic and farm purposes is furnished by a modern windmill.

For many years Mr. Clark has been most conspicuously interested in the breeding and raising of Norman draft-horses, in which line of enterprise his efforts have been crowned with marked success. He has spared neither time nor money in securing good individuals, and to-day there may be seen on his place some of the best Percheron or Norman horses to be found in the State. He is a man who is proud of his vocation and he has ever manifested a lively interest in all that touches the progress and welfare of the farmer, being a most active worker in various farm and agricultural societies.

In politics Mr. Clark has always used his franchise in the support of the Republican party, and he has represented his locality as delegate to numerous county and Congressional conventions. His extended private interests have demanded his undivided attention and he has never manifested any desire for official preferment, although, in 1870, he served as Land Appraiser.

Fraternally our subject is identified in a prominent way with the Masonic order, retaining a membership in Blazing Star Lodge, No. 268, and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 126, of North Lewisburg, and of Raper Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, of Urbana.

Turning to the domestic life of our subject we find that, at the age of twenty-four, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Barney, who was born and reared in this county, the daughter of Adam Barney. Mrs.

Clark died in 1866, leaving the following children: Charles, who is in the hardware trade at Chanut, Neosho county, Kansas; Florence E., who married Joseph Spain, of North Lewisburg, Ohio; Lucy, wife of W. T. Beach, of Zanesville, Ohio; Pearl L., a teacher in the Urbana high school; John E., who is also a teacher; George; Ada, who graduated at the North Lewisburg high school as a member of the class of 1894; and Blanche. The members of the family are conspicuously identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church of North Lewisburg. Mr. Clark's second marriage was consummated on April 16, 1870, when he was united to Miss Eliza Asher, daughter of John and Deborah Asher. Their children are: Flora E., Alice, Lucy E., and Charles.

Though our subject's educational advantages in youth were limited in scope, yet he secured a good practical education, which has been most admirably supplemented by the wide experience which has been his in later years. He stands forward as a man of marked intelligence and broad general information, his judgment being unerring and his business sagacity pronounced. He is charitable and kindly and holds the respect and esteem of the community, to whose advancement, in an incidental way, he has contributed so largely during his active and honorable life.

JOHN SPEARMAN, a farmer of Porter township, Delaware county, was born in Devonshire, England, January 21, 1839, a son of Richard and Grace (Snow) Spearman, natives also of that place. They were the parents of twelve children, nine now living, viz.: Richard, in England; Mary Ann, of London; Susan, wife of John Lane, of this township; Persilla Sanders, of Condit, Ohio; Grace, of England; John, our subject; William, of Condit; and Mulford, of Rich Hill, this State. Two sons, George and Thomas, were cattle drivers for General Sherman, and the former died at Nashville, Tennessee, and the latter at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Richard Spearman died in Ohio at the age of ninety years. His wife died at Devonshire, England, in 1865.

John Spearman spent his boyhood days on a farm at his native place, was afterward engaged as a shop and errand boy for a butcher and market man, and next went to sea. He landed at Quebec in 1857, and, after spending four years in Canada, came to Ohio. October 1, 1861, Mr. Spearman enlisted in Company F, Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battles of New Madrid, Island No. 10, Corinth, Iuca, Farmington, Fort Pillow, Oxford, Holly Springs, Bolivar, Bethel, Nashville, Tuscomby, Memphis, Prospect Station, Decatur, Resaca, Kingston, Altona, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, and Peach Tree Creek. At the battle of Atlanta, July 27, 1864, Mr. Spearman was wounded in the left temple, after which he spent some time in the field hospital, and later was at Marietta hospital. Joining his regiment at Beaufort, South Carolina, he was honorably discharged at Pocotaligo, that State, January 17, 1865. After returning home he located on his farm of 132 acres, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Spearman was married July 3, 1878, to Martha Ellen Downing, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of Roswell Downing, a native of Pennsylvania. To that union were born three sons: John Rich, Thomas Taylor, and Harrison. The last named died at the age of four months.

The wife and mother departed this life in 1883. In 1885 Mr. Spearman was united in marriage to Mary A. Cann, a native of Devonshire, England, and a daughter of James and Susan (Spearman) Cann, both of whom died in England in 1875. They were the parents of five children: George, Mary, Elizabeth, Grace, and Hannah. Mr. and Mrs. Spearman have had three children: George Lewis, William James, and one deceased in infancy. Mr. Spearman affiliates with the Republican party, and is a member of the Masonic order, Sparrow Lodge, No. 400, A. F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

THOMAS R. GRIFFITH, Sheriff of Delaware county, Ohio, has been a resident of this county since 1854, and is one of its well-known and highly respected citizens. A *resumé* of his life is herewith presented.

Thomas R. Griffith was born in Marion county, Ohio, June 26, 1838, the son of Welsh parents. His father, John Griffith, was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, and when a young man came with his brother Edward to America, locating in Radnor township, Delaware county, Ohio, where their brother David had already taken up his abode. Still another brother, Thomas, twin of John, came to Ohio, and all passed the rest of their lives in this State and died here, Edward dying in Marion county, and the other three in Radnor township, Delaware county. John Griffith died in 1860, at the age of sixty years. He was a moderately successful farmer, was quiet and retiring in manner, and was a member of the Welsh Congregational Church. He was twice married. First he wedded Mrs. Mary (Hughes) Evans, who died in 1850, and for his second wife he chose Mrs. Anna (McKinley) Hord. She survived him some years and died in Mercer county, Ohio, in 1888. By each he had three children, those by the first marriage being Thomas R., the subject of this article; Mary J., deceased; and Margaret A., deceased wife of David L. Williams. The children by the second wife are John D., Deputy County Sheriff of Delaware county; Newton H,, a resident of Mercer county, Ohio, engaged in farming, and Maryetta, wife of B. F. Hedges, of Mercer county.

Thomas R. Griffith spent the first sixteen years of his life on his father's farm in Marion county. Then he came with the rest of the family to Delaware county. After his father's death he was appointed administrator of the estate and had charge of the same until he was relieved in order to enter the Union army. November 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was mustered out July 23, 1865. He had veteranized in December, 1863. A portion of his service was with the Army of the Potomac; he participated in many of the most important engagements of the war, and his whole army life was characterized by bravery and fidelity.

After the war Mr. Griffith returned to his home and family in Delaware county. He had married, January 5, 1864, Miss Elizabeth Kyle, daughter of Deacon James Kyle, of Radnor township, this county. She was born in 1837 and died in 1870, leaving two children, Nora B. and William T. His second marriage, some years later, was to Miss Elizabeth A. Johnson, of Radnor, daughter of John C. and Mary C. Johnson. They have had three children, one of whom is living,—Mary L.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Griffith resumed farming and continued thus occupied until after the death of his first wife. He was then ordained as a minister of the Baptist Church, and was for six or eight years engaged in the work of the ministry, preaching at Prospect, Union, Norton and Leonardsburg. He also engaged in contracting and building for a number of years, in this business confining himself to Delaware, Marion and Union counties. Many of the best houses in the northern part of Delaware county were erected by him. He made his home in Radnor until 1890, when he was elected Sheriff of Delaware county, and since then he has resided in Delaware, having been re-elected to this office and now being on his second term.

Fraternally, Mr. Griffith is identified with the G. A. R., U. V. L., and K. of P.

MOSES LAIRD.—The Scotch type is the one which has found many representatives in the New World, and is one that has ever been found foremost in giving impetus to the march of progress, in retaining a clear mental grasp and in directing affairs along safe and conservative lines. America owes much to the Scotch stock, and has honored and been honored by noble men and women of this extraction.

The subject of this review, Moses Laird, whose name indicates in a way his nationality, has been a resident of Leesburg township, Union county, Ohio, for the past forty-three years, and is numbered among the most intellectual, progressive and honored residents of the township. His place of nativity was in Raphoa Parish, located in the famous old county Donegal, Ireland, and the date of his birth was October 31, 1819.

The parents of our subject were Samuel and Jane (Douglass) Laird, both of whom were natives of Donegal county. Samuel Laird was a son of Moses Laird, who was born in Ireland, but whose parents came thither from their native heath in Scotland. Jane Douglass was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Douglass, who were born at Edinburg, Scotland. Samuel and Jane Laird became the parents of twelve children, of whom eight lived to attain mature years, namely: William, Jane, Moses, James, Rebecca, Catherine and Thomas. The four deceased were: Moses (first), Mary, David, and one boy who died in infancy. The mother of our subject died in Donegal county, Ireland, at the age of fifty years, and the venerable father finally came to America to make his home with his son, and was called into eternal rest at the advanced age of seventy-six years, his demise occurring in Pickaway county, Ohio. He was a man of keen intelligence and highest integrity, and was honored by all who knew him. Religiously, he was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

Moses Laird passed his boyhood days in his native town, and received a good practical education in the excellent schools of the parish. Ere he had reached the age of nineteen years there had come into his life a dream of personal success and aggrandizement in a land far distant from the old home in the Emerald Isle, and he was not of a nature to allow the mere substance of dreams to satisfy his ambition, but early began to consult ways and means, and when he had attained the age of nineteen bade farewell to his native land, courageously said adieu

to home and friends, and proceeded to Londonderry, where he set sail on the stanch little vessel "Erin," and after a voyage of six weeks and five days finally reached his destination, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A somewhat stern situation was that which stared the young stranger in the face, but, nothing daunted, and with faith in his own ability to will and to do, he forthwith sallied out through the streets of the old Quaker City in quest of employment. He was finally offered a job in wheeling coal on the wharves at the stipend of one dollar per day, and this position he accepted, assuming its laborious duties with right good will, and continuing to be thus employed during the summer succeeding his arrival, which occurred August 10, 1837. The following winter he passed on a farm in New Jersey, where he was employed at the wage of six dollars per month. With the coming of spring he once more returned to Philadelphia and resumed his former occupation, and continued in that city for some little time, after which, in 1840, he determined to seek new fields of endeavor, and accordingly bent his steps to the State of Ohio,—this being in the fall which marked the memorable "hard-cider campaign" of General William Henry Harrison, the President of "log-cabin" fame. Mr. Laird took up his abode in Guernsey county, this State, at a point fifty-four miles west of Wheeling, West Virginia. His uncle, David Laird, was a conspicuous figure in that locality at that time, having kept a tavern on the old national pike road. Our subject remained in Guernsey county until May, 1841, when he moved to Fairfield county, where he remained until the following winter, when he located near the village of New Holland, Pickaway county. Here he effected the purchase of 100 acres of land, of which only twenty acres had been cleared. He improved the farm, brought it into a fine state of cultivation, and finally, in 1851, sold the same for a consideration of $4,000. He thereupon came to this county, where he purchased a tract of 100 acres, which constitutes a part of his present farm in Leesburg township. Here he has since continued his residence, being indefatigable in his efforts and careful and conservative in his business methods,—circumstances which have conserved the attaining of the marked success which has been his in a material way. In the home farm are now comprised 240 acres, and the place stands as one of the show farms of the county, its condition in every portion showing the discerning care and progressive methods which have been brought to bear in its cultivation. The family homestead is an attractive frame structure of tasteful architectural design, and situated on a most eligible site, some little distance back from the public highway. The other permanent improvements about the place are of congruous order, and the air of the whole is one which tells of peace and prosperity. In addition to the homestead, our subject has a second place in Leesburg township, known as the Grass Run Farm, the same being noted for its fine pastures and meadows, as well as for its prolific crops of hay. This farm is also improved with excellent buildings. In addition to these rural possessions Mr. Laird has other realty, owning a house and lot near the "five points," in the city of Marysville.

At the age of twenty-one years our subject was united in marriage, in Pickaway county, to Miss Hannah Parker, who was born at Redstone settlement, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Cope) Parker, the former of whom

was a native of New Jersey and a relative of ex-Governor Parker, the latter being a native of Pennsylvania and of Quaker parentage. The issue of this union was five children, namely: Isaac Parker Laird lives in the vicinity of Marysville, this county; Samuel Douglass is a resident of Delaware county; William Jasper is a farmer in Liberty township, Union county; James resides near Broadway, this county, and the only daughter died in infancy. Hannah (Parker) Laird passed over into the "land of the leal" September 3, 1849, having been a true wife and a devoted helpmeet.

September 4, 1851, Mr. Laird consummated a second marriage, espousing Martha Ann Rittenhouse, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, the daughter of Isaac and Carrie Rittenhouse, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion State. By this marriage Mr. Laird became the father of two children, David W. and Henry N., both of whom died in childhood. November 22, 1855, our subject was again bereaved in the loss of his loved companion, who was a noble Christian woman and a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

July 24, 1856, Mr. Laird wedded Miss Phoebe Hanawalt, who was born in Ross county, the daughter of George and Rebecca (Latta) Hanawalt, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Laird is a woman of rare intelligence and refinement and has been a devoted companion to her husband as he has passed along the mile-posts which have brought to him the fulness of years. They have had twelve children, of whom we make a record as follows: George H., John N., Anna J., Mollie, Allen, Lula, Harry Moses (deceased), Abraham Lincoln, Ray T., Bessie Rebecca, Frank and Clarence. Three of the sons enlisted for service in the late war, being at the time mere boys; Samuel was confined for three and one-half months in Belle Island prison, having enlisted at the age of seventeen; William J. was but sixteen at the time of enlistment, and James M. fourteen.

Mr. Laird has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party, having cast his ballots for Fremont, Lincoln and each successive candidate brought forward by his party. Religiously, he is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a man of broad mentality and marked literary tastes, being a great admirer and lover of Watts and Burns, and being able to repeat many selections from the works of these poets,—particularly the latter, for whom he has a particular reverence as the bard of the bonny land to which he traces his lineage.

One who stands conspicuous in the success attained by his own efforts, and one whose life has been consecrated to the good, the true and the beautiful, this honored pioneer holds in his gentle autumn of life the abiding confidence and respect of that people in whose midst he has lived and labored.

WILLIAM C. HENDERSON.—It is with marked satisfaction that the biographist reverts to the life history of one who has attained the maxium of success in any vocation in life in which he has directed his thought and effort, and such a life, whether it be one of calm but consecutive endeavor, or one of meteoric accomplishment, must ever serve as both lesson and incentive.

He whose life history now comes briefly under review is one who has honored and been honored by the noble art of husbandry,

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and is one from whose strewing has come the full and grateful harvest in its time. Mr. Henderson's genealogical record is one of very interesting order, and is traced consecutively in the individual sketch of his brother, Dr. D. W. Henderson, of Marysville, as appearing elsewhere in this volume. The great-grandfather was a native of Scotland, and was a representative of a prominent old family, closely allied to the aristocratic and patrician stock of bonny old Scotland. The grandfather of our subject was one of three brothers who came to America, and he took up his abode in Pennsylvania, county of Huntingdon. The maternal grandfather of William C. Henderson was James Jack, who came from the north of Ireland to the United States when a lad of fourteen, locating first in New Jersey and subsequently removing to Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

The father of our subject was John Henderson, who was born in 1780, near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Anna Jack and then took up his residence on a tract on 222 acres owned by his wife in Indiana county, where they remained until 1837, when they came to Ohio, and located on 160 acres, one mile south of Watkins, this county. There the father remained until his death, September 15, 1847. His widow passed away in 1869, at the age of eighty-four years. They were Scotch Presbyterians, and the father was an old-line Democrat. The following is a brief record of their children: Margaret H., deceased, was the wife of Thomas McKee, of Brookville, Pennsylvania; James died at the age of twenty-one; John, who was an Indiana farmer, is deceased; Sarah A. married David Gill, and is now deceased; Joseph is a prominent resident of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania; Jane, widow of William Liggett, is a resident of Denver, Colorado; Levinah is the wife of S. B. Woodburn, of Marysville, this county; Dr. David W. is a prominent physician of the county, and is located at Marysville; William C., subject of this review, resides on the old homestead in Mill Creek township; and Mary E. is the wife of Charles McCampbell, of Indiana.

William C. Henderson was the youngest son and the second youngest child. He passed his youth and early manhood on the old homestead, in this county, the place of his nativity having heen Indiana county, Pennsylvania, where he was born October 28, 1825, being twelve years of age at the time his parents located in the Buckeye State. His educational advantages were confined to the district schools of Mill Creek township. Attaining maturity he began an apprenticeship at the cooper's trade, in New California, and for seven years was engaged in this line of work, the greater portion of the time being located on the old farm. As the result of his industry as an artisan, he accumulated sufficient money to purchase, in 1850, thirty-four acres of the paternal farmstead, subsequently purchasing the interests of the other heirs, and thus acquiring possession of the entire landed estate, which comprised a quarter section. By industry and correct methods he gained the smiles of prosperity, and added to his possessions from time to time until he is now the proprietor of 487 acres,—which represent one of the finest farms in this section of the State. In 1873 Mr. Henderson erected a substantial brick residence of attractive architectural design, the place being recognized as one of the finest homes in the county. Aside from his agricultural interests our subject is other-

wise concerned with financial enterprises of the county, being a stockholder in and one of the Board of Directors of the Union Bank, of Marysville, one of the solid monetary institutions of Union county.

There is ever a degree of satisfaction in noting the success attained by personal endeavor alone, and in the premises our subject stands forth distinctively as a self-made man. As a boy he began work for himself at the merely nominal stipend of from twenty-five to thirty-one cents per day, and from this he has forged his way forward to the goal of success, having been indefatigable in his industry, frugal at the time when self-denial was essential to the securing of desired ends, and ever observant of the principles which serve as the attributes of honor and integrity. He has been broadened rather than narrowed by the experiences of life, and has ever been ready to lend an impetus to public improvements and to foster public interests to the extent of his ability and limitations. In the connection it is interesting to note the fact that he has contributed fully $4,000 to the securing of the fine system of pike roads which have given Union county a prestige above all other counties in the State.

In December, 1870, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Sewell, daughter of Aaron and Margaret (Mosher) Sewell, both of whom are now deceased, having been honored residents of Union county for many years. Mrs. Henderson has one brother living, William, who resides in Lulaski county, Missouri.

Our subject and his wife have had two children: Myrtie A., who was born March 20, 1877, died March 13, 1894; and Frank D., who was born September 26, 1881.

In politics Mr. Henderson is a firm and uncompromising advocate of the principles and policies urged by the Democratic party. As a man he is honored for his sterling worth of character as well as for his pronounced ability, which has gained him so marked success in temporal affairs.

JOHN L. WOLFLEY, Postmaster of Delaware, Ohio, and one of her prominent and highly respected citizens, has been identified with this city all his life. Of him and his ancestry we make record as follows:

John L. Wolfley was born in Delaware, Ohio, April 16, 1848, son of John and Hattie (Allen) Wolfley. Lewis Wolfley, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in Switzerland. He came to America when a young man, and here married Miss Mary Toat, of Pennsylvania. After residing at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a short time, they came west as far as Lancaster, Ohio. Subsequently he decided upon a location in Delaware county, and purchased a farm in Radnor township, returning at once for his family, but dying at Lancaster that same year, 1817, in middle life. The following year his widow removed with her family to the newly purchased farm. She had six children, all natives of Ohio except George, the oldest, who was born in Pennsylvania, and all of whom have passed away with one exception—Mary, widow of John Johnson, who resides with her son-in-law, Sheriff Griffith, of this county. John, the third born in the family and the father of our subject, was a native of Lancaster, Ohio, the date of his birth being April 17, 1817. He grew to manhood on a farm in this county, and received his education in the common schools. When he was eighteen

he returned to Lancaster, Ohio, and entered upon a seven years' apprenticeship to the tanner's trade. His industry enabled him to buy the last two years of his time, after which he started on foot through the timber for Marion, this State, taking his tools on his back and having only fifty cents in his pocket. At Marion he worked as a journeyman one year. Then he came to Delaware and continued work at his trade, and subsequently formed a partnership with Wassatt Lee, the father of Lieutenant-Governor Lee, of Ohio. Together they carried on the tannery business for two years. In 1842 Mr. Wolfley established a tannery of his own, which he operated until 1867, when his two sons, Silas D. and John L., succeeded to the business, he holding one-third until April 1, 1869, when the sons assumed entire control, under the firm name of S. D. Wolfley & Brother. February 1, 1892, John L. withdrew from the firm in order to give his attention to his official duties, he having been appointed Postmaster in April, 1891. The firm, however, had discontinued the tannery business in 1882, and from that time dealt in hides and leather. S. D. Wolfley is still dealing in hides and furs. Having followed the history of the business started by John Wolfley up to the present time, we turn back to make further mention of him.

John Wolfley was a man of strong personality. Religiously, he was a stanch Methodist. He superintended the erection of the first church edifice built on the Williams street site. Politically, he was a Democrat previous to 1854, and after that was a Republican. He took an active interest in political matters, and was a public-spirited man. During the Rebellion he was very efficient in relief work. He served for a number of years as Township Trustee. Of his private life, we record that he was twice married. February 27, 1834, he wedded Miss Julia Ann Adams, who died in January, 1836. His marriage to Miss Hettie Allen occurred February 23, 1843, and their children are as follows: Oscar A., who is engaged in the restaurant business in Columbus, Ohio: Silas D., of Delaware, whose business has already been referred to; John Luckey, the subject of our sketch; Jedediah D., an artist of some note, who died in Munich, Europe, January 13, 1873; George W., engaged in the insurance business in Columbus, Ohio; Hettie, widow of Dr. John O. McDowell, of this city. John Wolfley passed to his reward May 25, 1880, at the age of seventy-one years. His widow is still an honored resident of Delaware. Her people, the Allens, came from New England. Dr. Silas Allen, her grandfather, was born in Canterbury, Connecticut, where he grew up and married Mary Cleveland. They were the parents of eight children. He moved to Vermont and, later, in 1801, to Royalton, Fairfield county, same State, where he laid out the town and where he practiced medicine for many years. He died in 1824, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife died in Royalton in the fall of 1843, at the advanced age of ninety. Whiting Allen, their second child, was born April 16, 1779, and died in August, 1860. He married Mehitable Searle, daughter of Rev. John and Mehitable (Dunbar) Searle, of Stoneham, Massachusetts. Whiting Allen and his wife had a family of eleven children, viz: Silas D., who died at the age of fifty; Laura, at the age of eighty-six; Eliza, at the age of eighty; Oscar S., at the age of thirty-four; Harvey S., at the age of fourteen; one daughter in infancy;

Warren C., at forty-seven; another daughter in infancy; Hetty, who was born November 21, 1815, and who is still living; John W., who died at the age of seventy; and Jedediah, who is now seventy-two, and who is a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. Whiting Allen came to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1846, and here passed the rest of his life in retirement. His widow died March 24, 1852, at the age of seventy-six years. Having thus briefly outlined the ancestry of our subject, we now turn for a glimpse of his own life.

John L. Wolfley received a high-school education in his native town, and early in life learned his father's trade and became connected with him in business. This connection, as above stated, was continued until 1892. In the spring of 1873 he began traveling for the firm of which he was a member, and for a number of years was on the road in the northern and central part of Ohio, representing his business in seventeen counties.

Ever since he became of age Mr. Wolfley has been actively identified with the Republican party in Delaware county, and, with the exception of four years, has all this time been a member of the Central and Executive Committees. For two years he was Chairman of the Central and Executive County Committee and two years Chairman of the City Committee. He served five years as Treasurer of the Central Committee. He has been a delegate to each and every Congressional convention since 1874, and a number of times to State conventions. In January, 1883, he was appointed Commissioner to fill a vacancy and served the rest of the term most acceptably, after which he declined nomination for that office.

Mr. Wolfley is prominently identified with various fraternal organizations. He has been a Mason since 1885, and for about a quarter of a century has been a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow. He was the first one initiated in Lenape Lodge, No. 23, K. of P. He has a membership in Hiram Lodge, No. 18, and Delaware Chapter, No. 25, A. F. and A. M.; and Alentangy Lodge, No. 53, Delaware Encampment, No. 52, and Delaware Canton, No. 7, I. O. O. F. He is a charter member of Delaware Canton, and is also a charter member of National Union, No. 393, Whitstone Lodge. His church relations are with the Methodists, he being a member of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. During the first four years of the existence of this church he was its Recording Steward, and at present he is one of its Trustees.

November 16, 1871, Mr. Wolfley married Miss May Galleher, daughter of N. J. Galleher, and they have two sons, John Willard and Walter G. The older son is a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University and is making a specialty of electricity.

For twenty-two years Mr. Wolfley has resided on North Union street, where he has a comfortable and attractive home. He is also interested in a farm near the city and has real estate in Bowling Green, Ohio. Besides being the owner of this property, he is a stockholder in the Deposit Banking Company of Delaware.

OLIVER E. LINCOLN, who is a resident of Allen township, Union county, and whose post-office address is Milford Center, demands in this connection, that precedence to which he is clearly entitled, as being one of the

prominent and prosperous agriculturists of the county. He was born in Rush township, Champaign county, Ohio, on the date in 1846 that marked the anniversary of our national independence. His father, the late Charles Lincoln, was a man of much prominence in the section and had a State reputation as a breeder of fine stock—particularly short-horn cattle. He was born in Windham county, Connecticut, in 1809, and was left an orphan at the age of seven years, provision being made for his welfare by having him "bound out" to Anson Howard, who was one of the prominent pioneer settlers in Champaign county, Ohio. Charles was reared on the farm and did his quota of the work incidental to its operation, attending the district schools during the winter months, and thus gaining a substantial basis for that practical education which he subsequently gained in the experiences of life. Attaining his majority, he began work on his own responsibility, hiring out to John McDonald, a farmer, at the rate of $8.33\frac{1}{3}$ per month for one year; the second year his wages were raised to $13. He then rented a farm and began work for himself, but at the completion of his year's work he returned to the McDonald farm, where he secured a stipend of $26 per month. He was abstemious and economical, and with the money which he had saved he was enabled to buy a tract of wild land in Darby township, this county. He cleared this land and improved it to a considerable extent, after which he sold the property and returned to Rush township, Champaign county, purchasing 240 acres of land lying between the towns of Lewisburg and Woodstock, and, by subsequent accessions, increasing the acreage of his estate until he finally became the possessor of 1,100 acres, the place being known as Loam Land Farm. This farm has ever been recognized as one of the best in the county. Mr. Lincoln was one of the pioneers in the breeding of short-horn cattle, and his show animals always secured premiums when exhibited at various places in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and other States, his herd being second to none in the Buckeye State.

Charles Lincoln married Allura Johnson, a woman of culture and excellent family, and one who had attained particular success as a teacher. In the connection it is interesting to recall the fact that after her marriage to Mr. Lincoln she acted as his instructor, as he studied the branches higher than those he had been able to touch in his school days, and as the result of this devoted discipline he became well informed and a man of much greater intellectual force than would he had his life companion been a woman of the average type. Mrs. Lincoln's parents were Joseph and Lyda Johnson, prominent pioneer settlers in this section of the State.

Charles and Allura Lincoln became the parents of ten children—six sons and four daughters—of whom we offer the following brief record: Lydia, wife of John Hudson, who lost his life in the war in 1861; George, who was a soldier in the late war; Harriet, deceased; Charles P., a resident of Champaign county, to whom individual reference is made on another page; Oliver Edward, our subject; Ira, deceased; William; Ada Allura, wife of P. N. Pratt; Ella, and Dwight, both of whom died in childhood. Charles Lincoln was a distinctive type of the self-made man, attained a noteworthy success as the result of his well-directed efforts, and gained the respect due to an honest and honorable citizen. In politics he was a Republican,

Oliver E. Lincoln, the immediate subject of this review, was reared on the old farm and imbibed the spirit of honesty and industry so typical of his father's character, his educational discipline being gained in the district schools and supplemented by his business career. He continued to reside in Champaign county until 1874, when he purchased 193 acres in Allen township, Union county, and here took up his abode, the original purchase comprising a portion of his present magnificent farmstead of 480 acres. This land is that along the rich alluvial bottoms of Big Darby Creek, and is unexcelled in productiveness by any in the State. The family home is unmistakably one of the most attractive in the county, being of modern architectural design and erected at a cost of $9,000. The equipment and accessories of the interior is probably not equalled by that of any rural home in the section, the general furnishing showing an elegant simplicity, and the various rooms being supplied with gas and water furnished by effective systems operated on the place. The other permanent improvements on the farm are consonant with the superiority of the residence. In connection with general farming Mr. Lincoln has devoted particular attention to the breeding of fine draft horses, including the Percheron, Norman and Clydesdale strains. He is now giving particular attention to Rambouillet Merino sheep, which are proving the most prolific and popular line as producing wool and mutton. He has one of the best flocks in the state, and he has secured prizes wherever he has placed the animals on exhibition, winning six first prizes at the great St. Louis fair in 1894.

February 20, 1871, Mr. Lincoln was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Coolidge, daughter of Washington and Paulina (Hale) Coolidge, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Lincoln is a woman of refinement and gracious presence and presides with dignity over the beautiful home.

Our subject and his wife have five children, namely: Dwight, who is at home and who is associated with his father in the stock business; Ora Effa, Mary Bertha, Oliver Edward, Jr., and Walter Washington.

In politics Mr. Lincoln is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and he has served as Assessor of the township and as a member of the Board of Education, being always alive to public interests and ever advocating in public lines the progressive, yet safely conservative methods which have contributed to his individual success and advancement. He is a man of broad intellectual grasp and general information, is frank and genial in nature, and enjoys a marked popularity in the community.

DR. J. G. GROVE, a skillful and popular young dentist of Delaware, Ohio, was born in this city September, 29, 1871, son of J. G. and Lizzie (Thomas) Grove. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of harness, being a resident of Delaware from 1854 until the time of his death in 1890. Mrs. Grove was a native of Ohio. Her death occurred in 1883. Their family was composed of one daughter and four sons, the doctor being their second born.

Born and reared in an educational center, Dr. Grove had the best of school advantages. He attended the public schools and the colleges of his native town, and in 1893 graduated in the Dental department of

Harvard University. That same year he entered upon the practice of his profession, and has since met with excellent success.

Dr. Grove is a member of the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity, Gamma Chapter, of Harvard University.

ROBERT J. COX is beyond doubt the most extensive contractor of Delaware, and is numbered among its leading business men. He was born in the city which is still his home on the first of September, 1838, and is a son of Thomas W. and Ann B. (Jones) Cox. His father was a native of England, his mother of Wales, and in early life both crossed the Atlantic to the New World. Thomas Cox was a painter and contractor and built up a very extensive business. His wife, who was born in 1810, died in September, 1892. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox aided in the organization of the Church of Delaware and for the long period of twenty-three years he served the society as senior warden. He is still living at the age of eighty-three, and makes his home with his son Robert.

Mr. Cox of this sketch was reared in his native city and in his youth received good privileges. He attended the public schools and afterward entered college, where he pursued his studies until 1851. In that year he crossed the water and in London attended the first World's Fair that was ever held. The family remained abroad for nine months, during which time they visited many points of interest in the Old World, and then returned to their home in Delaware. Here Robert Cox again spent one year in college, after which, at the age of fifteen, he entered a clothing store, where he was employed as a salesman for about five years. He then entered the Commercial College of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was a student at the time of the breaking out of the late war. Soon after he returned to Delaware and entered the nursery business, but in a short time he responded to the country's call for troops and joined the boys in blue of Company C, Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry, with which he served for nine months. On the expiration of that period he enlisted in Lincoln's Body Guard, Light Horse Cavalry; with which he was connected until the close of the war.

When the South had laid down its arms and peace was once more restored, Mr. Cox returned to Delaware and took up his father's old business of painting and contracting, which he followed for about two years. In 1867 he again went to Europe, attended the Paris Exposition, and traveled quite extensively in the southern part of that continent. In 1868 he returned and since that time has been engaged in business as a painter, taking large contracts. He undoubtedly has the largest business in his line in Delaware county, having obtained this liberal patronage by fair and honest dealing and straightforward business methods.

Mr. Cox is one of the trustees of the cemetery of Delaware. Socially, he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics he is a Republican, being one of the most active members of the party in this locality. For sixteen years he has been a member of the County Central Committee, serving as its chairman for five years, and at this writing he is chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee. He is recognized as a man of sterling worth and his excellencies of character have gained him high regard. Of broad and liberal mind,

he is a great reader and possesses the finest general library in Delaware county, containing about four thousand volumes.

ISAAC BRODRICK, Jr. — Among the old and prominent pioneers of Union county the subject of this sketch occupies a position of distinctive priority, and it is certainly germane that in this connection he be granted that relative precedence which is consequently due. He retains his residence on the old homestead, where he took up his abode when a boy of nine years, and his father, who is one of the patriarchs of the State, has been a resident of Ohio for ninety-one years, being undoubtedly one of the oldest men in the Buckeye commonwealth.

Our subject, Isaac Brodrick, Jr., was born in Warren county, Ohio, June 23, 1825, the son of Isaac Brodrick, a native of New Jersey, his birthplace having been in the immediate vicinity of Burlington, where he was born October 1, 1802. He was the son of Isaac Brodrick, who was born in New Jersey, the son of Captain Thomas Brodrick (or Bradrick, as the name was then spelled), who was of Irish birth, and who had followed a seafaring life for many years, having risen to the position as captain of a vessel. William Brodrick, brother of the last-named, Isaac Brodrick, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and served for seven years in the Colonial army. While acting as a courier, under a flag of truce, he met an uncle, General Bradrick, who was an officer in the British army, and the latter endeavored to prevail upon him to leave the American army and join that of the mother country,—an overture which he refused to consider for a moment.

While yet an infant, Isaac Brodrick, Sr., the father of our subject, accompanied his parents to St. Clairsville, Harrison county, Ohio, and later, to Warren county, Ohio. His mother, whose maiden name was Beulah Engle, was born in New Jersey, December 29, 1772, the daughter of Abraham and Taichens Engle, the father of the former having come from England to America in a very early day, becoming one of the first settlers in New Jersey. Isaac, Sr., was reared in Warren county, and upon attaining his majority he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Wood, who was born in Warren county, October 15, 1804, the daughter of Aquilla and Hannah Jane (*née* Shepard) Wood, the former of whom was a native of the redwood region of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ohio.

In 1833 the father of our subject removed to Logan county, this State and there remained one year, after which he came to Union county and settled on the farm which is now operated by our subject and upon which the venerable father still retains his residence. At that time the section was an unbroken forest, there having been but one white family within a radius of eight miles of the place,—this being a squatter's family who lived in a log cabin to the north. Wolves, deer, and other wild game was abundant, and occasionally painters and catamounts were to be encountered. Here the father of our subject built a primitive log cabin on the south end of the farm and there lived for two or three years, after which he built a new house of logs, locating the same near the public highway. This house was destroyed by fire, and, in order to accelerate the construction of a new dwelling, a "bee" was arranged on the fourth day after the fire, and forty-five men, with axes and ox-

teams, lent their assistance, and a good log house was completed before nightfall, and the family at once took possession of the same.

Isaac and Hannah (Wood) Brodrick became the parents of four children—two sons and two daughters—of whom we are enabled to offer the following record: Mary, deceased, was the wife of Richard Wells; Isaac, Jr., is the immediate subject of this review; James, was a soldier in the late war of the Rebellion, having been an engineer on a river steamboat, and his fate was uncertain, as he was reported in the list of those missing; Hannah Jane, deceased, was the wife of Charles Van Wye, and left six children. The devoted wife and mother was summoned into eternal rest April 3, 1875. Isaac Brodrick, Sr., still finds abiding place on the old farm, which has been his home for the past sixty years, being ninety-two years of age at the present time (1894.) He retains to a phenomenal extent his mental and physical vigor, being strong in physique and weighing 180 pounds. In politics he was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he espoused its cause and has ever since been identified with the same. He has always been a stanch temperance advocate, and was one of the first of the early pioneers to refuse to provide whisky for the men at raising bees and during the harvest seasons. He is a Quaker by birthright, and has led an active, honorable, and upright life, gaining the confidence and the esteem of men, and being revered as one of the noble and gentle patriarchs of the county.

Isaac Broderick, Jr., was nine years of age when his parents took up their abode in this county, and here he has passed all the long intervening years. As a child he roamed at will through the dim forest aisles of this section and became familiar with all the sights and scenes which have left a halo of romance about the early pioneer epoch. As his muscles waxed stronger, he gave effective assistance in the work of clearing up the old homestead, and in its cultivation, and every acre of the old place is familiar and dear to him from long association. He now has a finely improved farm of 175 acres, the family residence being a substantial and commodious frame structure of two stories, erected in 1852. The homestead is located on the Marysville and Lewisburg turnpike, seven miles distant from the former place, the county seat, and five miles north of Milford Center.

April 10, 1851, Mr. Brodrick was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hoff, who has been his devoted companion during the long years, which have granted their due quota of happiness. She was born in West Virginia, but was a mere child when her parents removed to this county. Her father, Anthony Hoff, was the son of William Hoff, who was of German descent, and who was an active participant in the war of 1812. Her mother, *née* Elizabeth Poling, was born in West Virginia, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Poling. Anthony and Elizabeth Hoff became the parents of five children, namely: Sarah P., wife of our subject; Rachel J., Samuel M., Rebecca A. and Minerva J.—all of whom are living at the present time.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of eleven children, of which number nine are living: Charles W.; John M., a prominent attorney of Marysville, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume; Samuel J., a resident of Allen township, and the subject of an individual sketch on another page; Isaac

W.; Benjamin F.; Emo L. and Eva L. (twins), the former being the wife of Oliver McCollough, and the latter the wife of J. R. Benton; Anna R., who is an accomplished musician and a successful teacher in that line of art; Olive E.; William S., deceased at the age of seven years; and an infant son, deceased. The children were all afforded exceptional educational advantages, and John, Samuel and Isaac have been successful teachers.

Politically, Mr. Brodrick is a stanch Republican, and he has been an active worker in the local ranks of his party. He served his township as Clerk for seven years, as Constable for one year, as Justice of the Peace for nine years, and Treasurer for one year. So great a confidence is reposed in him that he has been often called upon to serve as administrator of estates, having taken charge of the affairs of nine different estates, and having acted as guardian of thirteen minor children. During the war he lent an effective aid to the Union cause, having been a member of the war committee of the county, and having acted as a recruiting officer. He has served on various judicial bodies, having many times been a member of the petit and grand juries of the county, and having once served as a member of the grand jury in the United States Court at Columbus, Ohio. Religiously, he is an active supporter and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lewisburg.

Mr. Brodrick is a man of fine physique and much virile strength, weighing 210 pounds. In manner he is frank and courteous, and he enjoys a distinctive popularity in the section where he has labored so long and so well, being one whose honest and honorable character begets objective respect and confidence.

LEVI SNUFFIN, who is one of the prominent men and extensive landholders of Allen township, Union county, and who has passed his entire life of upward of sixty-three years in this township, must assuredly be accorded attention as one of the representative agriculturists of the county and as one well deserving of biographic honors.

He was born in Allen township, October 31, 1832, the son of Amos Snuffin, who was born in New Jersey and who was the son of James Snuffin, who was a native of the old Keystone State, and a soldier in the war of 1812. James Snuffin married Sarah Haines, who was born in Pennsylvania. They left their Eastern home in the year 18—, and with team and wagon made the long and wearisome overland journey to this State, settling in Allen township, where the grandsire of our subject passed the residue of his days, his death occurring in 1852. His widow died in Champaign county.

Amos Snuffin passed his youthful days on the paternal homestead, and devoted himself to the work of felling the forest trees and clearing and "grubbing" the land and preparing it for cultivation. The little pioneer settlement in the woods offered meagre advantages in the educational field, and accordingly his scholastic discipline was very limited in scope. As a boy his chief playfellows were the young Indians, and his principal diversion the hunting of the wild game, which abounded in this section. Attaining mature years he married Sarah Baldwin, daughter of Jeremiah and Rachel Baldwin, pioneer settlers of this county. Amos Snuffin passed his entire life in this section, living for a time in the adjoining county of Champaign, and his life was devoted to farming. He and his wife became

the parents of four sons and four daughters, namely: Rachel, Rebecca, Levi, Hannah, Thompson, James, Mary, and William. Of this number only two are living at the present time: Rebecca, who is the wife of Samuel Milligan, of Taylorville, Christian county, Illinois; and Levi, the subject of this review. The father died at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother is living at the home of her only surviving daughter, in Illinois, having attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years. Amos Snuffin was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to the same.

Levi Snuffin was reared in Allen township and received his preliminary education in the district schools, which he was enabled to attend during the winter months, assisting in the work of the farm during the balance of the year. The lessons which he received in the home training were those which go to make up the truest manhood,—he was taught that industry was the most honorable accomplishment and that honesty was the highest attribute of character. These lessons have stood him well in hand during his life, and have conspired to the securing of the marked material success which has been his, and to the gaining to him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. The greater portion of his life has been passed in Allen township, and he has consecutively been concerned with agricuitural industry. In 1882 he took up his abode on his present farm, which comprises 477 acres and which is conceded to be one of the best in this section of the county. On his estate there are five dwelling houses, while the other permanent improvements are of excellent order. The place is under a most effective system of cultivation, and in connection with general farming the proprietor devotes no little attention to the raising of fine stock, an abundant supply of water being furnished by the Big Darby creek, which traverses the farm. The family residence, which was erected in 1882, at a cost of $2,300, is eligibly located, and is commodious, with modern appointments and furnishings.

At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Snuffin was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Miss Nancy Smith, a woman of marked intelligence and noble character,—one who has been her husband's true and sympathizing helpmeet, and one to whom must be ascribed a due share of the credit for the attainment of the success which has been theirs in life. Mrs. Snuffin's parents were Edward and Hannah (Elliott) Smith, the latter having been a sister of Samuel Elliott, who was one of the prominent early settlers of the county. Edward Smith was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1812, and died at the age of seventy-one years. His widow, who was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, died at the age of seventy-six. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Nancy, Mercy, George, John, Mary, Jane, William and Allie.

Mr. and Mrs. Snuffin have had six children, five of whom are living at the present time. Of them we offer the following record: Ellis J. is at home; Lora is the wife of Ellis Seigler, of Champaign county; Levi married Sara Allbright, and is a resident of Allen township; Sarah is the wife of Alpha Wilber, of this township; Thompson married Hannah Spain, and is at home; and William died at the age of five years.

In politics Mr. Snuffin does not render a supine allegiance to any party, but maintains an independent attitude, preferring to cast his vote for the best men, regardless of

party affiliations. He has been a member of the School Board, but has never sought anything in the line of public preferment or political office. Mrs. Snuffin is a devoted member of the United Brethren Church.

Our subject is a man of honest and unpretentious character, is kindly and sympathetic in nature, and has attained an independent position as the result of his own efforts. To him and to his estimable wife are accorded the respect and esteem of all who know them.

WILLIAM DENMAN, a farmer of Chester township, Morrow county, is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Rose) Denman. The father was born in Morris county, New Jersey, in 1777, a son of William Denman. The maternal grandfather of our subject, James Butler, was born in the State of New York, and served three years in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Denman came to Ohio in 1838, locating on an unimproved farm two miles west of Chesterville. The mother departed this life March 24, 1862, and the father July 17, 1859. During the later years of their lives they made their home with our subject. They were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, and three are now living,—Caroline Quick, of Pennsylvania; William, the subject of this sketch, and James B., of Harmony township, Morrow county. Mr. and Mrs. Denman were members of the old-school Baptist Church, in which the former held the position of deacon.

William Denman was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, July 27, 1812, where he was also reared and educated. In 1837 he came to Ohio, remaining nine years on a rented farm in Knox county, and then located on land near his present place. His farm now contains 240 acres of well-improved land. In political matters, Mr. Denman affiliates with the Republican party.

He was married in 1841 to Sarah Ann Davidson, born in Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio, January 7, 1822, a daughter of William Davidson, a pioneer settler of that county. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Mary Williamson, John, Lucetta Ulmon, William Eliot, Cressy Blaise, Joel, Elnora, Belle Gardiner, Ida Chipps, and two deceased in infancy. Belle Gardiner is a teacher of vocal and instrumental music. The wife and mother died April 16, 1894. Mr. Denman has served as School Director for many years. While living in Knox county he served four years as assessor. He is a member of the Baptist Church, as was also his wife.

NELSON FLEMING, a prominent farmer of Brown township, was born in Delaware county, September 19, 1832, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wyan) Fleming. The father was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1794, and the mother was born in that State May 10, 1796. They were married November 7, 1816, by Rev. James Johnson, and had seven children—Sarah Ann, Benjamin, James, Washington, Lydia, Nelson, and Sidney. The parents died on the old home farm in Brown township, Delaware county, the mother dying March 5, 1871, at the age of seventy-four years, and the father May 25, 1872, aged seventy-eight years. He was a farmer all his life, a Democrat in his

political views, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Nelson Fleming, our subject, was early inured to farm labor, and received his education in a log school house. He now owns one of the best farms in his locality, has a good residence, and a barn 42x68 feet. He is engaged in raising Norman horses, and the best grade of cattle, sheep and hogs.

In Delaware county, August 9, 1854, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage with Elizabeth Barton, who was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, September 27, 1829. She is a daughter of Kimber A. and Rachel (Barkes) Barton, the former a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, and the latter of Meigs county, Ohio. The father died in Oxford township, this county, at the age of sixty years, and the mother, in Illinois, at the age of seventy years. They had eleven children, namely: Elizabeth, Mary, Ebenezer, Eliza, Sarah, James, Nancy, Kimber, Etherline, Edward and Rebecca Jane. Ebenezer and James were soldiers in the late war, and the former is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have one son, Ed. James, born September 27, 1858. He was married in 1881 to Jessie Kirk, a native of Ohio, and they have two children,—Wesley Lee and Frank Arthur. Mr. Fleming affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a member of the Wesley Methodist Church.

EDWIN B. TURNER has for the past ten years been superintendent of the Children's Home of Union county, Ohio, located near Marysville. This is his native city and has always been his place of residence. He was born on the 25th of November, 1851, and is a son of the late Judge Turner, a well known and prominent citizen of Union county, who died in 1859. His mother, who bore the name of Elizabeth Gibson, was a native of Virginia.

In his parent's home our subject spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the public schools of his native city acquired his education. About 1884 he received an appointment as superintendent of the Children's Home, and has served in that capacity continuously since in a most creditable and acceptable manner. The Home is well kept up, and his efficient administration of the affairs connected therewith reflects honor upon himself and shows the wisdom of the selection of those who chose him for office.

In 1874, Mr. Turner was united in marriage, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary C. Sevirn, daughter of James Sevirn, of New Dover, Ohio. She is a lady of culture, refinement and high education, and before her marriage was a most popular teacher. By the union of our subject and his wife has been born one child, a daughter—Allie B., who is a young lady of rare musical ability. At the time of this writing, in the fall of 1894, she is a student in Delaware College.

Mr. Turner has followed in the political footsteps of his father, the Judge, who was a starlwart Republican, having supported the men and measures of that party since attaining his majority. He keeps well informed on the issues of the day and takes great interest in the growth and success of his party, but has never been an active politician in the sense of office-seeking. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Society and Encampment, and he and his wife and daughter hold membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The family is one of prominence in the community, and the household is noted for its hospitality. Mr. Turner is ever alive to the best interests of

Marysville and Union county, and is a loyal citizen. His entire life has been passed in Marysville, and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his stanchest friends, a fact which indicates an honorable and upright career.

ROBERT A. BEATTY.—One of the most alert and progressive elements that has entered into the makeup of our nation is that derived from stanch old Irish stock, and from such stock is descended the subject of this review, who is one of the prosperous and honored farmers of Cardington township, Morrow county. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, September 24, 1847, being the son of Samuel Beatty, who was born at Belfast, Ireland, in 1811. The latter left his native land at the age of eighteen years, and went to the West Indies, where he was employed on a sugar plantation for a period of one year. He then came to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and thence to Fallsburg township, Licking county, Ohio, where he worked in a chair factory for two years. Here his marriage occurred, and some little time later he removed to Knox county, where he located on a farm, which he cultivated for a time, after which he removed to a farm in Westfield township, Morrow county, where he remained until the time of his death, being seventy-five years of age. In religion he was a Protestant, but was identified with no church organization. He was a prominent member of the Masonic order, being connected with the several bodies of that order at Mt. Gilead. In politics he was originally a Whig, but on the organization of the Republican party, he transferred his allegiance to the same. He held preferment as Trustee of Westfield township for a number of years, and was a man well known and highly honored in the county.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah Nichols, and it is supposed that she was born in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio. Her father, Amos Nichols, was a native of Virginia, and was one of the early settlers of Knox county. The mother is still living, at the advanced age of seventy-three years. She and her eldest daughter reside on the old homestead in Westfield township.

Samuel and Sarah Beatty became the parents of two daughters and four sons, of whom we offer the following brief record: Robert A. is the subject of this review; William J. is a farmer of Delaware county, this State; Franklin L. died at the age of twenty-two years; Anna E. is unmarried and remains with her mother on the old homestead; Amos M. is a farmer of Westfield township, this county; Eva is the wife of Otto Curl, of Cardington township.

Our subject is the eldest of the children, and he was in his fourth year when the family moved to Morrow county, and took up their abode in Westfield township. His scholastic discipline as a boy was that which was afforded in the little log school-houses of Cardington township, and he completed his educational training in the high school at Cardington. He remained on the old homestead, assisting in the operation of the same until the time of his marriage, which event occurred January 1, 1871, when he was united to Miss Mary J. Shaw, a native of Marion county, Ohio, her paternal homestead having been located on the line between that and Morrow county. Her parents were Sylvester and Emily (Curl) Shaw,

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who were among the early settlers in this section of the Buckeye State.

Immediately after his marriage, Mr. Beatty located on the farm where he now resides. Our subject and his wife have three sons, namely: R. Jay, born March 13, 1879; Samuel Ray, born July 1, 1883; and Clifard Guy, born March 13, 1886.

Mr. Beatty has a fine farmstead, comprising 144 acres, and the same is under most effective cultivation, being devoted to general farming and stock-raising. The proprietor has been an indefatigable worker, and his pronounced success is due to his own well-directed efforts.

In politics, he was originally a Republican, but he now lends a hearty support to the Prohibition party and its principles. For seven years he held the preferment as Trustee of Cardington township. He is a devoted member of the United Brethren Church, and fraternally is identified with Cardington Lodge, No. 194, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

COL. AARON B. ROBINSON.—Not all men order their lives to their liking; nor yet are all men true to themselves in living as nearly to their ideals as possible and attaining to such heights as their opportunities and talents render accessible. We now turn to one who has done much and has done it well,—"therein all honor lies." Not a pretentious or an exalted life has been his, but one that has been true to itself and its possibilities, and one to which the biographist may revert with a feeling of respect and satisfaction.

Colonel Aaron B. Robinson, a man whose identification with the history of that section of the Buckeye State touched upon in this connection has been one of ancestral and individual nature and one of conspicuous order, would on that score alone demand our consideration, but above this is imposed a higher obligation in the premises, for there has been rendered by him an illustrious service which has linked his life history with that of the nation,—a service which no loyal man will deny his country when its honor is threatened, but which not every man has been able to accord so faithfully as has our subject.

It is scarcely necessary to recapitulate at this point the ancestral history of Colonel Robinson, since the same is rendered in detail in connection with the biography of his brother, Hon. James W. Robinson, appearing elsewhere in this volume. Suffice it, then, to say that he was born, in Darby township, Union county, Ohio, November 10, 1833, the son of John W. and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Robinson, who passed the span of their entire lives in this county, their respective parents having been among the earliest pioneer settlers in this section of the State. Of the ten children of John and Elizabeth Robinson all are still living with three exceptions, and we are enabled to refer to them in order of birth as follows: David M. resides on the old homestead, in Darby township; James W. is one of the leading lawyers of the county, a resident of Marysville, and is accorded individual mention on another page of this work; John W. is a farmer, and resides near Marysville; Colonel Aaron B. is the immediate subject of this review; Robert N. resides on a farm in the vicinity of Marysville; Martha is the widow of William H. Robinson, late of Marysville; and Emily J. is the wife of Hon.

Beriah Wilkins, editor and publisher of the Washington Post, at the national capital.

Our subject passed his boyhood days on the paternal homestead where he remained until he attained the age of eighteen years, contributing his quota toward the operation of the farm, and securing such educational discipline of a preliminary sort as was afforded by the district schools. So far had he advanced in scholastic cult, however, that in his seventeenth year, he was able to assume pedagogic work and dignity, teaching his first term of district school at a salary of ten dollars per month. During the next three winters he continued his labors in the educational field, and during the intervening summers looked to subjective advancement by attending the old Academy at Marysville, where he studied under the tutorage of his brother, James W. Robinson, and of Rev. James A. Sterrit.

In the spring of 1854 he entered the Freshman class of Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, where he continued his studies until he had completed his Junior year, when he was compelled to abandon further application on account of failing health. His class graduated in 1857, with a membership of fifty-seven individuals. Our subject was a receptive and avidious student and his grades in college were above the average class standing,—especially in the mathematical group, where his record was unexcelled.

After leaving college, Colonel Robinson entered the law office of his brother, James W., at Marysville, and devoted himself to the study of law, as far as impaired health would permit, for two years. With a view to expediting the work of preparing himself for a professional career, he matriculated in the law college at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained during the winters of 1858 and 1859, being admitted to the bar in the latter year, and forthwith associating himself in practice with his brother, in Marysville. This association maintained for a period of three years, and our subject's prospects for a successful professional career were flattering, but a higher duty came to him as the thundering of rebel guns against Fort Sumpter struck a loyal and responsive protest in his heart. His courage was that of his conviction, and in July, 1862, he enlisted for service and was commissioned a recruiting officier, in which capacity he was employed until September of the same year, when he was elected Captain of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered in on the eleventh day of September, and on the selfsame day started with his regiment for the front. He served with the valiant old One Hundred and Twenty-first on the campaign from Louisville, Kentucky, to Chattanooga, —first under command of General Buell and later of General Rosecrans,—and was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, his consequent disabilities rendering it necessary for him to accept a three months' furlough, —this being the only time he was absent from his regiment during its long and meritorious service.

Subsequently he was with the regiment as it accompanied Sherman's forces from Chattanooga on the Atlanta campaign, and thence through Georgia on the ever memorable march to the sea. The next service was through the Carolinas, leading to the surrender of Johnston. To give in detail the history of the various engagements in which our subject participated would necessitate practically a recapitulation of the history of the entire war, but we must needs

take a cursory view of the successive preferments which came to him as a result of his bravery and brilliant service. That Company I was one which did not fear danger, but which was ever ready to throw itself into the thick of the fray is shown by its action at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, where more than one-half of its number were reported killed or wounded after the smoke of battle had raised from the scene. In this battle Colonel Robinson was slightly wounded. At the battle of Chickamauga the One Hundred and Twenty-first held the extreme right of General Stedman's division in the memorable charge of that division against the enemy at the critical moment when the latter were closing in upon the right of General Thomas. By desperate fighting the confederate forces were driven from their position of vantage, and the One Hundred and Twenty-first captured and bore away the flag of the Twenty-second Alabama.

August 29, 1864, our subject was promoted to the office of Major, his commission to take date from June 27, the day of the Kenesaw battle. In November Major Robinson assumed command of the regiment as it started on the march "from Atlanta to the sea," and he continued in command until the close of the war. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel January 28, 1865, and to a full Colonelcy on the eighteenth of May, same year. Gallant, unflinching and intrepid are terms which may most congruously be applied to our honored subject in referring to his notable military career.

After the close of the war Colonel Robinson returned to Marysville and once more turned his attention to the securing of the victories of peace, "no less renowned than war." He resumed his association with his brother in the practice of law, and after a short time they effected the purchase of an half interest in the Marysville woolen mills, an enterprise of much importance at the time, the other half of the business being held by Rawson Welch, a practical manufacturer, into whose charge the operation of the mills was to be entrusted. Soon, however, it became evident to the Messrs. Robinson that, in order to protect their original investment, they must purchase the remaining share, and give an individual attention to the practical details of the enterprise. This was done, and thus the Colonel abandoned his law practice and turned his attention solely to the manufacturing industry, the mills being enlarged and the enterprise continued with varying success until 1880, when it was sold and the business abandoned.

About 1868 Colonel Robinson opened a retail dry goods store in connection with the factory, and in this line he continued until 1893, when, on account of his impaired health, the business was sold to J. Brubaker. This "Factory Store," as it has always been known, represented one of the most extensive mercantile and business enterprises in the county, and the stock carried was exceptionally large and select, the business being finally broadened from its original line, so that boots and shoes were handled in the connection. In this, as in all other business enterprises, our subject had as his associate his brother, James W.

We now turn to the salient points in the career of Colonel Robinson as a legislator. He served two terms, 1879 to 1883, as a member of the State Legislature, and proved himself a wise and discriminating official,—one whose service gave general satisfaction to his constitutents and the citi-

zens of the commonwealth, irrespective of political affiliations. Among the measures introduced and successfully carried through by our subject may be mentioned the act providing for the refunding of the State debt, reducing the rate of interest from six to three per cent.; the act providing for the redistricting of the State for Congressional purposes; and the law defining the province and regulating the operations of insurance companies doing business in the State. He also secured the necessary legislation authorizing the building of Union county's magnificent new court house.

Colonel Robinson was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the State insane Asylum, at Columbus, in 1888, said appointment coming through Governor Foraker and being renewed in 1893 by Governor McKinley. Of this board the Colonel has been president for the past two years.

Politically, he is stanchly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and religiously he and the members of his family are devoted adherents of the Presbyterian Church. The attractive family home is located on West Fifth street, Marysville. As a man, Colonel Robinson is whole-souled, genial, generous and sympathetic, and his friends are in number as his acquaintances. His face is one indicative of strength of purpose, but of utmost kindliness, and his life has ever been as an open book from which all might read, and by reading learn of the noble character represented.

May 12, 1868, Colonel Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Keziah Wilkins, daughter of A. F. and H. J. Wilkins, prominent and honored among the early pioneers of this county. Colonel and Mrs. Robinson have four children, namely: Harriet E., wife of Dwight Edwards; E. Gertrude, wife of Mr. Harry E. Smith, of Marysville; Martha C.; and Alfred James.

STEPHEN BURKAM, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Byhalia, claims West Virginia as the State of his nativity. He was born at Triadelphia, on the old national road, east of Wheeling, March 30, 1830, and is a son of Isaac and Nancy (Kiggin) Burkam. The paternal grandfather, Stephen Burkam, was a native of Ireland, but was reared in England, and came to America at the time of the Revolutionary war as a member of the English Cavalry. After the Colonies had achieved their independence he located in Virginia, where he reared a family and spent his remaining days. He served his adopted country as a soldier of the war of 1812, and was a close friend of Simon Gerty. On the maternal side the Doctor is of German descent. His grandfather, John Kiggin, was a native of Germany, and also came to this country with the English army to take part in the Revolutionary war. He located first in Washington county, Pennsylvania, but afterward removed to West Virginia, and subsequently to Virginia, where his death occurred. The parents of our subject both died in West Virginia. The father was a farmer.

Dr. Burkam is the eldest in a family of nine children, six of whom are yet living. He was born and reared on the old homestead where his father's birth occurred, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he began his education. His early privileges, however, were supplemented by study

in the college in Athens, Athens county, Ohio, where he remained for two terms. He then spent two terms as a student in Concord, Muskingum county, Ohio, and completed his literary education in Bethany, Virginia, in the year 1852.

Wishing to enter the medical profession, Mr. Burkam then began study with Dr. Gilfillin, of West Alexander, Washington county, Pennsylvania. The following year he was a student in the office of Dr. Craycroft, of Triadelphia, West Virginia, and later spent two years with Dr. Connelly. He then attended lectures at the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, and was graduated at that institution in the class of 1855, after which he at once entered the marine service of the United States Army as hospital steward. After seventeen months he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant in the medical department and sent to the frontier. While on that trip he visited Florida, New Orleans, Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, and many other points. He was on the first Government boat that went up the Mississippi river, and in his official and professional capacity visited all of the main places on the frontier. After being mustered out at Fort Scott, in 1859, he returned to West Virginia.

It was at this time that the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca J. Maple, a native of the Old Dominion. To them were born five children, but one of the number, Perry B., is now deceased. The others are Letha V., wife of Clinton Higby, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Cobah, wife of Charles Watt, of York Center; Arizonia, wife of George Wells, of Galion, Ohio, and John W., who is employed as telegraph operator and station agent on the Hocking Valley Railroad at Lovell, Ohio.

After his marriage Dr. Burkam removed to Osage county, Missouri, and opened an office in Chamois, where he engaged in practice until the early part of 1862, when he enlisted in the First Virginia Infantry. After serving for three months as a private he was mustered out, but at once re-enlisted, becoming a member of company D, First Virginia Infantry, with which he continued until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Wheeling. He took part in the battles of Stonewall and Port Republic, where he was wounded in the hip, after which he was transferred to the medical staff and did service in the Shenandoah valley until 1864, when he was sent to St. James. He was a second time wounded at Cedar Creek on the nineteenth of October, 1864, being surprised by a guerilla, who struck him over the head with a carbine, fracturing his skull, cutting his face and otherwise badly bruising him. He continued on duty all through that day and on into the night. He was a gallant soldier, possessed of a spirit of bravery and courage that never faltered, no matter what his service. He acted as Brigade Surgeon with General Sigel, was then detailed to take charge of the field hospital, and at length was mustered out with the rank of Major.

On the twenty-seventh of July, 1865, Dr. Burkam came to Union county, locating in Newton, where he remained until the following March, when he went to Broadway. He there made his home during the greater part of the time until 1884, engaged in active practice. During that time he did the largest business of any physician in the county. On leaving Broadway he removed to Harpster, Wyandot county, where he continued until 1891, in which year he became a resident of Vanlue, Hancock county.

Since the twenty-second of August, 1894, he has resided in Byhalia, and has already built up a good practice. The Doctor is a member of Robins Post, No. 96, G. A. R., and in his political affiliations is a Republican. He has always been an enterprising and progressive man in whatever community he has resided, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of Union county.

WILLIAM BRUNDIGE, a farmer of Westfield township, is a son of Nathaniel Brundige, a native of Connecticut. He moved to New York State when about fourteen years of age, locating near Newburg, on the Hudson river. He came with his family to Ohio about 1806, and made a permanent settlement in Marlborough township, then Delaware county, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Annie Brundige, died there at about the same age. They were the parents of six children: Stephen, Nathaniel, Thomas, John, Annie Wyatt and Sarah Bush, all now deceased. The mother of our subject was Elizabeth Kniffen, a native of New York. The parents were married in that State, and came to Ohio in 1806, locating in the same township as his father. He cleared 160 acres of land. In political matters the father was identified with the Whig party, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Brundige were the parents of nine children, namely: Mary was the wife of Reuben Drake; Annie married James Trindle; Levina was the wife of Samuel D. Wyatt; Elizabeth was the wife of David Mitchell; Rachel was the wife of Luff S. Hull; James married Levina Bush; Sarah was the wife of Evan Norris; William is the subject of this sketch; John married Harriet Taylor. The father died in 1825, aged fifty-four years, and the mother departed this life at the age of seventy-five years. They were Baptists in principle, but never united with any church.

William Brundige, the only one of his father's family now living, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, December 3, 1808, the first male child born in that county. After the death of the father, the three sons remained on the old homestead with the mother, and William remained there eight years after his marriage. He then purchased and located on his present farm in Westfield township, then Delaware county. He now owns 425 acres, most of which is under a fine state of cultivation, and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. In an early day he was identified with the Whig party, and has since cast his vote with the Republicans. He has spent nearly his entire life in this county, and has been an active worker in its growth and development.

July 1, 1830, our subject was united in marriage with Philura Smith, a native of New York, and a daughter of Elijah W. Smith, one of the early pioneers of this county. To this union were born four childrea, the two eldest dying in infancy. Bennett S. married Jane McLead, resides in Delaware county, and they have two children: William, who married Mary Price, and has four children; and Josephine, wife of Andrew Hushea, and they have one son. The second child of our subject, Harriet, is the wife of John C. Lewis, and resides in Bennington township, Morrow county. Our subject made for his daughter, Harriet, a good provision, giving her $800 in cash, a team, three cows, and a large outfit of household

goods. They also have two children,—Bryant and Philura Victoria. The eldest is married and has one child. Mrs. Brundige departed this life August 3, 1888.

NEWTON E. LIGGETT, who holds distinctive prestige as one of the most enterprising and successful young business men of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, must assuredly be accorded representation in this volume. He traces his ancestral lineage, in the agnatic course, back to the Old Dominion, that cradle of much of our national history, that section so opulent in romance and in memories of the chivalric days when "the first families of Virginia" were in the height of their gentle and stately glory. From records extant we are enabled to follow the genealogy of our subject back to the original Virginia ancestor, noting briefly, in passing the prominent part each generation has taken in contributing to the development and prosperity of the sections of the Union with whose interests they have been identified.

Luther Liggett, of Mill Creek township, Union county, Ohio, was born October 11, 1836, a son of Absalom and Millie (Carr) Liggett, the former of whom was born in Ross county, Ohio, October 9, 1810, the son of James Liggett, who was a native of Hardy county, Virginia (now West Virginia), where he was born in 1778. In 1810 James Liggett left his native State and emigrated to the wilds of Ross county, Ohio, where he remained for a period of seven years, when he removed to Delaware county, this State, and settled in that locality of which the village of Ostrander now forms a part; here he remained until the time of his death, which occurred in 1864.

Absalom Liggett was the fourth of a family of ten children, whose names are here given, in the order of their birth: Job, Joab, Abner, Absalom, William, Millie, Conrad, Susan, James and Gideon,—all of whom have now been gathered to their fathers. Absalom was married in 1833 to Millie Carr, who bore him ten children, eight of whom lived to attain maturity, Luther being the eldest of the family. He was married, in 1857, to Maria, daughter of James W. and Laura R. (Kinney) Wilkinson, and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom (a daughter) died in infancy; the remaining six still survive, namely: Newton E., who is the immediate subject of this review; James A., Louisa A., Mayne L., Clara M., and Henry C.

After his marriage Luther Liggett rented a farm and lived thereon until 1869, when he effected the purchase of ninety-six acres, which nucleus was subsequently enlarged by successive increments until he ultimately found himself the possessor of 300 acrse of most valuable land. He gave special attention to the breeding of short-horn cattle and conducted extensive operations in this branch of his farming business. He served for four successive terms as a member of the Union County Board of Agriculture, having held the preferment as vice-president of the organization for two years. Trusted implicitly by his fellowmen, and held in the highest esteem, he was called upon to render service to the local public in numerous offices of trust and responsibility, having served as Township Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee. In October, 1882, he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and in this, as in all other offices which he had filled, he was faithful to the trust reposed in him, his efforts meeting with

appreciative favor. In politics he was a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, and was an active worker in its cause, having been a delegate to State and county conventions on many occasions. He was distinctively one of the public-spirited men of the county, progressive and possessed of an intellectual individuality which enabled him to readily determine as to the merits of any cause or the expediency of any action looking to the benefit of the public. He continued to reside in Mill Creek township until his death, which occurred August 2, 1892. Within the latter years of his life he met with reverses, which seriously impaired his finances, but such was the intrinsic honor of his character and such the strength which enabled him to always live four square to his convictions, and such his fine appreciation of justice, that he liquidated all the claims against him at much personal sacrifice. He continued to take an active interest in the Agricultural Society of the county until his death, and when he was summoned "across the great divide" his friends, his neighbors and all who had known his honest worth mourned the loss of a true and good man, to whom most fitly might be given the "grand old name of gentleman."

Luther and Maria (Wilkinson) Liggett were the parents of six children, to whom we now call attention by a brief record: Newton E. is the immediate subject of this review; James A. is a resident of Watkins, this county, where he is engaged in the agricultural implement business; Louisa is the wife of G. C. Shields, agent of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad Company at Marysville; Mayne L., who passed an examination before the State Board of Pharmacy in 1893, having also taken a course of instruction in chemistry, under the preceptorage of Professor Young, of Ada, this State, now acts as assistant in the drug store of his brother, our subject; Clara M. and Henry C. are at home with their widowed mother, who resides one mile east of Marysville.

Maria (Wilkinson) Liggett, mother of our subject, was born in Marysville, December 17, 1836, her parents having come hither that year. Here they continued their residence until 1857, when they removed to Butler county, Nebraska, where they both died—the father March 25, 1882, and the mother March 7, 1875. Mr. Wilkinson served as Probate Judge of Butler county for two years, and while a resident of Marysville had held preferment as Justice of the Peace.

Newton E. Liggett was born on the old home farm in Union county, June 21, 1857. He passed his boyhood days in assisting with the work of the farm and attending the district schools, thus continuing until 1876, when he entered the Marysville high school, where he remained for two years, and then secured a position in the employ of McCloud Brothers, who were at that time engaged in the drug business in this city. With this firm our subject remained until 1890, with an intermission of only two years, one of which was passed in the employ of Charles Huston, a druggist at Columbus, and the other with the Marysville drug firm of Anderson & Son.

In 1890 Mr. Liggett succeeded to the drug business conducted by John F. Zwerner, and since that time he has been carrying on the enterprise most successfully; his salesrooms being the most attractive in the line that the city affords, while the stock carried is of representative order, complete in all staple and fancy lines. Special care

and attention is given to the compounding of prescriptions, for which the facilities are unexcelled.

Mr. Liggett is a member of the Ohio State Pharmaceutical association. In politics he espouses the cause of the Democratic party, and is now serving his second year as member of the City Council. Fraternally, he is a member of Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias.

His marriage was celebrated in this city September 10, 1890, when he wedded Miss Anna Gibson, daughter of George and Angeline Gibson, and a native of Marysville. They have two children, Luther and Eugene. Mrs. Liggett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the King's Daughters and the Rebekah Lodge. Their attractive home is located on East Fifth street.

WALTER W. RHOADES, who is one of the representative agriculturists of Union township, Union county, Ohio, and who has a record for loyal and valorous service in the late war of the Rebellion, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Muskingum county, near the city of Zanesville, August 15, 1835, the son of William Rhoades, a native of Pennsylvania, and of German lineage. The mother of our subject, *née* Margaret Irwin, was born in New Jersey, and her ancestral line traces back to bonnie old Scotland. Representatives of the family participated in the war of the Revolution, as well as in that second notable conflict, the war of 1812. The venerable father of our subject died July 27, 1894, at his residence in the vicinity of Marysville, this county, having attained the age of eighty-five years. The mother died at the age of seventy-one. William Rhoades was a Republican in his political belief, and religiously was identified with the Presbyterian Church, retaining his latter days the honor won by a long life of activity and unimpeachable integrity.

His children were six in number, five sons and one daughter, of whom we make mention as follows: The eldest, Walter W., is the immediate subject of this review. Orville was a soldier in the late war, was taken prisoner and expired in the wretched prison at Andersonville; at the time he was incarcerated he weighed 190 pounds, but the confinement and the hardships endured caused him to waste away, so that at the time of his death he weighed only sixty-three pounds; he was a member of the Eighteenth regulars, and was taken prisoner at Resaca, Georgia. Jacob M. also went out in the nation's defense, enlisting in the 100 days' service: he died at Newton, Ohio. Horatio J., who was also in the same service, is now a resident in the vicinity of Broadway, this county; Cassius Y. is a resident of Newton, this State; also Marian F., the only sister, died years ago.

Our subject was reared to work on the farm, but was afforded the best educational advantages which were available, receiving a good education in the district, select and graded schools in Franklin county, and the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and later on putting his acquirements to practical test by teaching for a time, proving a capable and successful instructor.

At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he was residing in Delaware county, this State, and in the hour of his country's need for valiant men and true, he was not found wanting, but enlisted August 9, 1861,

as a member of the Eighteenth Regulars. His regiment proceeded at once to the front, and the record shows that it participated in not a few of the most desperate battles of the war, among those in which Mr. Rhoades took part being the following: Mill Springs, Petersburg, Corinth, Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, the siege of Atlanta, and then back to combat General Hood's forces at Nashville, Franklin, Fort Fisher, Bentonville, and Goldsboro. He then returned by railroad to New York, and thence to Ohio's capital city, Columbus, where he received his discharge in June, 1865.

After the war Mr. Rhoades resided for some time in Delaware county, and thence removed to Union county, having secured possession of his present fine farmstead in 1890, the place comprising sixty-nine acres, unsurpassed in fertility and well improved, the location of the farm being about midway between Milford Center and the county seat, Marysville. The residence is commodious and substantial, and there are all necessary outbuildings essential to facilitating the work of the farm.

Mr. Rhoades was married at the age of twenty-six years, being united to Miss Rebecca Johnson, the daughter of Levi and Margaret (Livingston) Johnson, both of whom were natives of the old Keystone State. The father died in 1872, his wife having passed away ten years prior to his demise. They had six children: Rebecca, wife of our subject, who was reared in Delaware county, receiving a thorough education and being for some time engaged in teaching, in which line of effort she met with pronounced success; George W., who participated in the late war as a member of the Eighteenth Regulars, and is now a resident of Prospect, this State; Margaret, now residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Mattie, at the close of the late Rebellion, was married to Captain E. Hicks, now a resident of Grant City, Missouri; and Allie, wife of Dr. H. E. Hyatt, of Delaware, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades became the parents of six children, namely: Maude, who was a successful teacher, is the wife of L. F. Wood, of Manchester, Tennessee; Claude O. is at home; Laud C. is a resident of Akron, Ohio; Zella, who died at the untimely age of eighteen years, was the wife of J. Horney, and her only child, Cassius, is now cared for by his maternal grandparents; Mattie and George Y. are at the paternal home. All of the children received good educational advantages, by which they duly profited.

Mr. Rhoads is a stanch Republican and has been an active worker in the ranks, having been a delegate to the County Conventions of the party on numerous occasions. Fraternally he retains a membership in Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R., of Marysville, which city is his postoffice.

DS. TALMAGE.—We now direct attention to one who stands conspicuous as one of the oldest and most honored pioneer residents of Morrow county; one whose identification with the history of the Buckeye State has been one of ancestral as well as individual order, and one who, after days of ceaseless toil and endeavor, is now passing the autumn of his life in retirement and gentle repose as a patriarchal citizen of the flourishing little city of Mount Gilead. A *resumé* of such a life can never fail to offer both lesson and incentive.

D. S. Talmage is a native of Morris county, New Jersey, where he was born on the twenty-third day of April, 1814. His father, David Talmage, was likewise a native of New Jersey, and was a shoemaker by trade, following this honorable vocation during his entire mature life. He came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1816, his son, the subject of this review, being but two years old at that time. In 1836 he located in that portion of Marion county which is now incorporated in the county of Morrow, and here purchased a small piece of land, upon which he made his home, devoting himself to the support of his family by working at his trade. Here he continued to abide, a simple, noble, honest man, until death came to him at the venerable age of seventy years. He was of English extraction, having been a descendant of one of three brothers who left the mother country and took up their abode in America at an early day.

The mother of our subject, *neé* Ruth Whitehead, was a native of New Jersey, where she lived until she had attained mature years. She entered into eternal rest at the age of fifty-nine years. David and Ruth Talmage became the parents of three children, of whom we make record as follows: Nelson is deceased; D. S. is the subject of this review, and Maria is the wife of Elias Cooper, of Mount Gilead, this county.

As has already been stated, our subject was a child of but two years at the time when his parents left their Eastern home and located in the pioneer frontier settlement in Knox county, Ohio. His scholastic discipline was of necessity very limited in scope, for the pioneer locality had its educational advantages as yet confined to the primitive log school houses, with their meagre accessories. Such advantages as these little schools afforded, however, our subject was permitted to enjoy. At the age of sixteen years he apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter's trade, and served in this way for a period of four years. Being then twenty years of age, he began operations as a journeyman and was thus employed for one year, after which he determined to put his mechanical acquirements to a practical test by engaging in business upon his own responsibility.

In 1834,—two years prior to the removal of his father to this locality,—he came to Marion (now Morrow) county, and located in Mount Gilead, which has continued to be his home during all the long intervening years from that time to the present end-of-the-century period. At the time of his arrival here the town's population was summed up in the aggregate of 150 individuals. He became a prime factor in the substantial upbuilding of the village, and in conserving its general advancement to its present position of importance and prosperity. There are still extant not a few houses of the large number which were erected by him in the village and neighboring townships.

Two years after his arrival in Mount Gilead,—that is, in 1836,—he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Snyder, who was born and reared in Washington county, Indiana. The union thus cemented continued for more than an half century, fifty-six years, and was one of mutual devotion, unwavering sympathy, and earnest co-operation,—a union in the higher and truer sense. In September, 1893, came to our subject the great loss and bereavement of his life, for then it was that she who had been his cherished companion during all the long years, with their varying lights and shadows, who had been a tender mother to his children, and who had stood tenderly by his side

while the years left their impress in silvered hair and bowed form, was gathered home to the life eternal. Hers was a life which left a benediction to those who mourn her loss, and was one which bequeathed its own measure of consolation.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of three children, namely: John, who was a brave and gallant soldier in the late war of the Rebellion, and who is now deceased; Sarah, who is the wife of James Albaugh, and Nelson, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Mr. Talmage is one of the oldest settlers now living in the county, and is one to whom is not denied the full measure of respect and veneration due to the man who has lived an honorable and useful life, and whose days have been prolonged to the limit of the unwonted four score years. For a number of years he was quite extensively engaged in the buying and selling of live stock, and he also owned a farm and operated the same successfully, notwithstanding the old saying that, "He who by the plow would thrive, himself must either hold or drive," the simple fact being that our subject never gave a day's time to following the plowshare as it turned the willing soil. Though he has never sought public preferment, yet Mr. Talmage served his county capably and acceptably for six years as Commissioner. He is an old-time Mason, having been identified with the various bodies of that noble fraternal order since 18—.

BOLAND H. B. GRISWOLD.—Among the most prominent and most highly honored of the pioneer residents of Union county, Ohio, must the subject of this review be given a foremost rank, for not only is he a native of the State, but with its history has that of his ancestors been identified from a very early day, when they left their old home in New England and made their way across the weary intervening leagues between that section and the forest wilds of the Buckeye State.

Our subject, who is one of the substantial farmers of Allen township, was born in Goshen township, Champaign county, April 19, 1816, the son of James Griswold, who was a native of Vermont, and who came from a very prominent old family of New England, — one of English extraction. James was the son of Esuriah Griswold, who married a Miss Boland, who was of Scotch ancestry. They both died in their native State. James Griswold grew to man's estate on the paternal farm in Vermont, and finally was united in marriage to Polly Beal, who was a native of Vermont, as were also her parents, Obadiah and Rebecca (Moodie) Beal. His parentage is not known. Obadiah Beal was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and he came to Ohio early in the present century, locating in Champaign county, where he died.

In 1812 the parents of our subject left their native State and came through to Ohio, locating at Marietta, Washington county; subsequently they came to Champaign county, and settled on the white oak plains, two miles north of Mechanicsburg,—this being a portion of the Galoway land tract, where Obadiah Beal, the maternal grandsire of our subject, had also located. James and Polly (Beal) Griswold subsequently removed to Union township, this county, where they passed the remainder of their lives, the former dying in the village of Irwin Station, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his widow at the age of eighty-four.

Of their eight children we make record as follows: Melona Tarpning, deceased; Sarah, wife of Samuel Harris, died in Texas; Boland H. B., subject of this review; Hosea died at Loda, Illinois; Phedora died in early life; Sylvia M., wife of William Brown, died in Union county, Iowa; Rebecca is the widow of Ira Jones, and is a resident of Van Buren county, Iowa; Obadiah E. is a resident near Fountain Park, Champaign county, this State. In religion the parents and their children have been identified with the Universalist Church.

Our subject was reared in Champaign county, lending an effective aid in its cultivation as he waxed strong in years. His educational discipline was confined to a few weeks' attendance in the log school-house of the district during the winter months, but this was sufficient to serve as the groundwork of the broad information which is now his, for his was an alert and receptive mind, and he was ever an avidious student and reader. At the age of fourteen years he assumed the responsibility of his own maintenance, hiring out to work on a farm and receiving on the start $7 per month for his services. He was thus employed for seven years, and in 1838 he came to Union township, this county, where he rented a dairy farm, known as the Gabriel farm, and gave his undivided attention to its operation for three years. At the age of nineteen years, with true filial solicitude, he purchased twenty-three acres of land in Champaign county, giving the same to his parents for a home. In 1850 he made the original purchase of eighty-four and one-half acres of his present farm in Allen township, making subsequent purchases until he had acquired a fine place of 151 acres. The same is under effective cultivation, and has buildings and other permanent improvements of excellent order.

Mr. Griswold took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Amanda Melvina Peck, their marriage being solemnized in Champaign county, October 29, 1837. Mrs. Griswold was born in the vicinity of the city of Cincinnati, the daughter of Thomas Peck, one of the early settlers in that section. Our subject and his wife became the parents of two daughters, namely: Cerepta J., who died March 10, 1849; and Cynthia Altina, who was a successful teacher in her early womanhood, and who became the wife of E. C. Marsh, who resides near her father's home; they have one daughter, Lotta M., wife of E. M. Coe, of Union township.

Grevious was the loss which came into the life of our honored subject February 24, 1874, when she who had been his devoted and faithful wife and cherished companion was called to enter into the life eternal. She had been his solace and comforter during thirty-seven long years, with their varying lights and shadows, and as the days fast lapsed into the realm of yesterday, and age left its imprint on their brows, they depended yet the more on each other, and found their thoughts, their hopes and their fears the more unified. But it has ever been that one should be taken, the other left, and the consolation is not lacking when a noble and consistent life is rendered into the hands of death, who opens wide the door of eternity and blessedness. Mrs. Griswold was a woman of gentle, kindly nature, and was loved by all who came to an appreciation of her unassuming worth. She was a devoted member of the Universalist Church of Woodstock.

Mr. Griswold has rendered a most active

support to the Republican party ever since the same was organized, and has been called upon to serve in offices of public trust and responsibility. He was Trustee of his township for several terms, and was Justice of the Peace for two terms. Though now seventy-eight years of age, he preserves intact his mental faculties, and has retained much of the virile vigor of his early years. In address he is frank and genial, and he is held in the highest esteem as one of the pioneers of Allen township, and as a man whose character is above reproach.

JOHN ELLSWORTH GRIFFITH, who has attained a marked prestige in a professional way, as one of the most capable young lawyers of Union county, Ohio, merits specific recognition in the list of those able professional men whose life histories are incorporated in this volume.

He was born in Delaware county, this State, October 24, 1864, son of William H. and Jane (Lodwig) Griffith, both of whom were born in Radnor township, Delaware county. The father died in February, 1886, at the age of forty-nine years. He had passed his entire life in Radnor township and had been an agriculturist from his youth, save for a period of six years, during which time he worked at the carpenter's trade, following this vocation while a young man, but eventually resuming his allegiance to the art of husbandry. He was a man of broad intelligence and upright character, having been very actively identified with the Prospect Baptist Church. His parents were Owen and Catherine (Lewis) Griffith, who were natives of Wales and who came to the United States when about twenty years of age, their marriage being consummated in this country. They possessed those traits of character so characteristic of the Welsh type,—were industrious, frugal God-fearing people, intelligent and ambitious.

Our subject was the eldest of a family of four children, the following being a brief record concerning the other three: Mary R. died at the age of sixteen months; William H. died in 1891, at the age of seventeen years; Jennie E. resides with her widowed mother in Marysville, where our subject also maintains his home.

John Ellsworth Griffith was reared on the old homestead farm in Radnor township, the place being still in the possession of the family, and comprising 240 acres of fine land. Here he passed his boyhood, assisting in the duties of the farm and attending the district schools during the winter months. When he had reached the age of fifteen he attended a select school for one term, and two years later matriculated at Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, where he graduated in the preparatory department, having completed a prescribed three years' course of study in eighteen months,—a fact that is significant as indicatory of his native ability, his determination and his power of application. He then passed a short interval at the Ohio Normal School, in the city of Delaware, dividing his time between study and teaching. He then secured the preferment as teacher in the school of his home district, remaining in charge of the same for a period of five months, after which he went to Cleveland and passed the summer in attending the Spencerian Business College, at which he graduated as a member of the class of 1885. He had simultaneously devoted careful attention to the study of elocution under the efficient precep-

torship of Professor John W. Rusk, having manifested a marked talent for dramatic and character delineations and having profited much from the finishing discipline thus secured. After his graduation Mr. Griffith went to Prospect, Marion county, this State, where he assumed charge of the business department of a normal school that had been established at that point, also teaching in the literary department. He retained this position for nine months, when owing to the death of his father and his appointment as administrator of the estate, he was compelled to resign his pedagogic work and to return home and give his entire attention to the operation of the farm and to settling up of the business of the estate. He remained upon the old homestead for two years, and entered into the work with characteristic vigor, not only successfully cultivating the home place, but also operating for one year a farm of 100 acres, belonging to an uncle.

While on the farm and encumbered with duties that would demand the undivided attention of the average man, he still found time and opportunity to continue his literary and scientific studies, being still imbued with the determination to secure a fully rounded education. In 1888 he went to Fostoria, this State, and entered the North American Normal School and Business College for the purpose of making a general review of his past work. Here his ability gained recognition, and he was soon called upon to teach in the institution, and within three months was honored with a professorship in the same,—teaching civil government, political economy, natural philosophy, physiology, physical geography, etc. He retained this professorship for one year, and then, in the fall of 1889, resigned the same in order to prepare himself for that profession to which he had determined to devote his life, for in early youth one of his limbs had been so badly mangled as to make it impracticable to long continue the active duties of the farm, in which he took great interest. He went to Cincinnati and entered the law college, where he completed the prescribed course and graduated in May of the following year, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, being admitted to the bar of the State on the twenty-ninth day of the same month, and soon after to practice in the Federal courts. While in the Cincinnati Law College he was given distinctive precedence by being chosen as president of the senior class, which comprised 106 members; he was also president of the Mansfield Club, and was one of six chosen by the faculty of the institution, after a preliminary contest, to represent his class in forensic debate upon graduation day. Quick in intuition, and with a mental breadth which enabled him to udge and decide as to mooted points more readily than many who gave mature deliberation, he naturally came to the front in his class, and his powers of oratory also conserved this distinction, which he has been enabled to maintain when brought into practical forensic debate.

August 4, 1890, Mr. Griffith took up his residence in Marysville, where he displayed the "shingle," which denoted his vocation, and where he has since remained in the active practice of his profession, having gained a representative clientage and an enviable reputation. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, and is an active worker in the cause, having been Chairman of the County Convention in 1894. He was appointed in 1894 by the Secretary of State, as a member for two years, of the Board of Supervis-

ors of Election, and for two years prior to that time was Clerk of that body; he is now serving his third year as secretary of the Union County Agricultural Society, and his second year as clerk of the Board of Health, of which he was a member for the year prior to his present incumbency. Fraternally, Mr. Griffith is identified with Palestine Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M., of which he is Master at the present time; with Marysville Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F.; with Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias; and with the Order of the Eastern Star, Mary Chapter, No. 9.

He was married, September 19, 1889, to Miss Hannah E. McMillen, daughter of John P. and Belinda McMillen, and a native of Muskingum county, Ohio. They have one child, Lena Estelle. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are members of the Congregational Church of Marysville, in which he holds official preferment as president of the Board of Trustees. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday school for the past three years.

JOSEPH DAVIS, JR.—That honored resident of Union township, Union county, Ohio, whose life history now comes under review, is of ancestry tracing its lineage back to the Old Dominion, and of a family whose men have been loyal and valorous, having served their nation faithfully in time when war has reared its horrid front, he himself having left a military record which has added new honors to the name.

He was born in this county December 3, 1837, his father, Michael Davis, having been born in Virginia, December 24, 1788, a son of George, who was a son of Michael, the original American ancestor. The father of our subject, Michael Davis, came to Knox county, Ohio, when he was a young man, and here he was later united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shinaberry, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 18, 1798. They came to Union county in 1822, and at once took up their residence on what was known as Buck Run, in Union township, where they cleared up a tract of wild land and there passed the residue of their days. The father participated in the war of 1812, and was an honorable and loyal citizen. In politics he was originally a Whig, but united with the Republican party at the time of its organization. He died at the age of eighty-four years, and his widow lived to attain the venerable age of ninety-two years, her death occurring April 21, 1890; she was a worthy and zealous member of the Presbyterian church.

Michael and Elizabeth Davis were the parents of eight children, namely: Catherine, William, Alexander, Mary, George W., Harrison, Nancy, and Joseph, the immediate subject of this sketch. Harrison Davis was one of the brave boys who went forth in defense of the Union at the time of the late war, and his life was sacrificed to the cause. He volunteered in Champaign county, in 1861, as a member of Company H, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for four years. He went out as a private and arose by successive promotions to the full rank of First Lieutenant. He was killed at Missionary Ridge, and his remains were brought back to his old home for interment, his remains being laid to rest in the same county from which he went forth so bravely as a volunteer soldier.

Joseph Davis, Jr., was reared on the old homestead farm and did his share of the

arduous work, assisting in felling the forests and in the work of cultivating the fields for which they made place. His education was confined to the district schools, but in the practical experiences of life his information has broadened out, giving him an intellectual grasp more potent than that which can be claimed by many a man to whom has been given the privilege of acquiring what is known as a higher education.

In 1864 our subject enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the vicinity of Alexandria, Virginia, for a period of four months, after which he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in this county, where he has ever since remained. He has 115 acres of excellent land, which has been brought to a high state of productiveness under his careful and effective management, and which shows excellent improvement in the way of buildings.

The marriage of Mr. Davis was celebrated August 24 of the centennial year, when he wedded Miss Rozalia DeHaven, who was born in Knox county, this State. the daughter of James and Elizabeth DeHaven, both of whom were natives of Knox county, Ohio, but who took up their residence in this county many years ago. The mother died July 16, 1888, at the age of fifty-seven years. They had four children: Rozalia, wife of our subject; Joseph S., deceased; Michael, and William Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have five children, namely: Etta E., Lotta May, Bessie Ora, William B., and Joseph, Jr.

In his political adherency our subject is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with Silas Kimball Post, No. 570, G. A. R., of Milford Center.

JAMES EVANS FINLEY, who is one of the prominent and successful farmers of Union township, Union county, Ohio, is a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the date of his nativity having been September 5, 1831. His father, James V. Finley, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, the son of Joseph Finley, who also was a native of the old Keystone State. The mother of our subject, *née* Elizabeth Williams, was born in Pennsylvania, coming from an old and prominent pioneer family. James V. and Elizabeth Finley took up their residence in Union county in 1845, and here the father passed the remainder of his days, his death occurring March 3, 1893. The mother died April 4, 1886. James Finley united with the Methodist Episcopal Church early in life, and for more than an half century remained a zealous member of the same, his life being in perfect consonance with the faith which he held. He was a class-leader in the church for many years. Politically, he voted with the Republican party, and his life was one characterized by honest endeavor, unimpeachable rectitude and unblemished honor,—attributes which gained to him the respect and confidence of his fellow-men. His children were eight in number, namely: Margaret, Joseph, James Evans, Robert, John, Frances (deceased), Mary and Alfred. Three of the sons were active participants in the late war of the Rebellion: Joseph, who was a member of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, is now a resident of Milford Center, this county; Robert, a member of the same company, resides at Peoria, this county; and John, who was in the 100 days' service, now lives in Auglaize county, this State.

On the paternal farmstead, in Allen

township, our subject passed his youthful days, assisting in the work of the farm and being trained by both precept and example to honesty, industry and unselfishness. He received his educational training in the district schools, and when he had attained the age of twenty-three years he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Davis, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Davis, pioneer residents of the township, the issue of this union being two children, Laura and Clara. Mrs. Finley was called to the life eternal August 28, 1875, and July 6th of the centennial year Mr. Finley consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Margaret Watson, daughter of William and Nancy (Mitchel) Watson, the former of whom died at the age of sixty-seven years, his widow still being a resident of Union township, where her daughter, Mrs. Finley, was born. They had six children, namely: Margaret, Isabella, Samuel, David, Metho, and Cornelia. Our subject and wife have one adopted daughter, Hattie.

Mr. Finley has a finely equipped and highly cultivated farm of 111 acres, with a commodious and attractive residence and substantial outbuildings, all of which bespeak the home where prosperity and happiness find an abiding place.

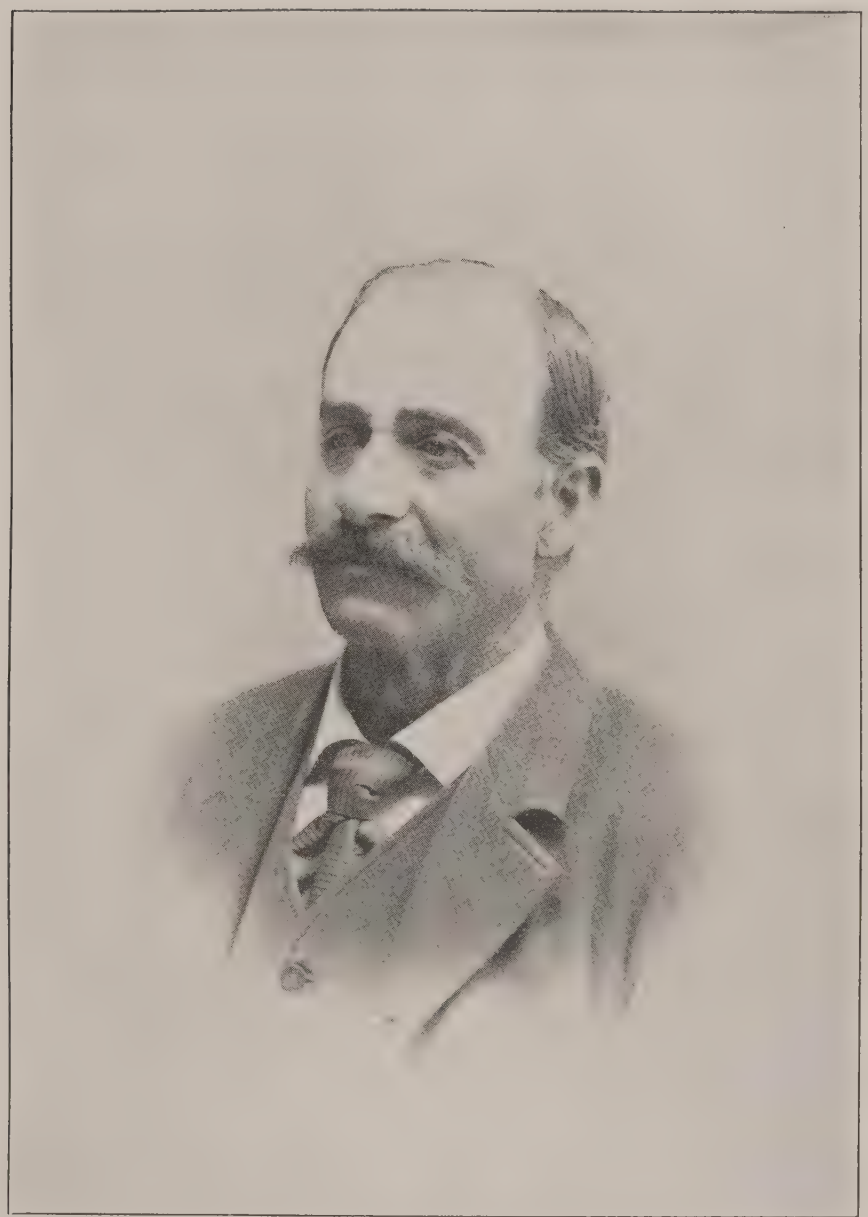
In politics our subject renders an unswerving allegiance to the Republican party, and he has his opinions in this line, as in all others, well fortified, being a man thoroughly in touch with the progressive spirit of the day, and one whose fund of general information is large. His popularity in the community stands in evidence of his upright character and of his kindly and genial disposition.

Concerning the daughters of our subject, we record that: Laura wedded William De Bolt. and they reside in Union township, having two sons, Alvah and Rowley; and Clara is the wife of Edwin Osborn, of Union township, and they have one son, Johnnie.

W. SHANNON DAVIS, who is recognized as one of the most prosperous and representative agriculturists of Union county, has his postoffice address at Milford Center, and his abiding place is the old homestead in Union township, where his honored parents located as early as 1854, the place being known as the McDonald farm. He is a native son of the Buckeye State, having been born in Clinton township, Knox county, August 6, 1839.

The father of our subject was Joseph Davis, who was born in the Old Dominion State, the son of George Davis, who was the son of Michael, who was of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry. Joseph was a mere lad when his parents removed to Pennsylvania, and was but fifteen years of age when they again sought a new home and a fresh field of endeavor in Knox county, this State, where they took up their abode in a primitive log house located in the woods. On this pioneer farm, to whose reclamation and cultivation he lent effective aid, he grew up and eventually assumed a personal responsibility and dignity by leading to the hymeneal altar Miss Lydia Shenaberry, who was born in Pennsylvania. They continued their residence in Clinton township, Knox county, until 1854, when they came to Union county and established themselves upon the farm now occupied by our subject.

They became the parents of twelve children, namely: Mary, Michael, Nancy, Margaret, Elizabeth, Joseph, George, W. Shan-



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non, Lydia Ann, deceased; Catherine, William, deceased; George (second), deceased, —the last three being deceased and one child having died in infancy. The mother died at the venerable age of eighty-five years, and the father lived to attain the remarkable age of ninety-eight years, being the oldest man in the county at the time of his death. It is interesting to note that they had forty-seven grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Joseph Davis was a man of strong and athletic physique, standing six feet and two inches in height, and possessing great strength and endurance,—a constitution which conserved his phenomenal longevity. He was an honorable and industrious man, possessed of marked intelligence and ability, and became one of the prominent citizens of the county, where he was respected by all who knew him. He was a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, and religiously was a member of the Presbyterian Church, his wife having been identified with the Christian denomination.

Our subject, W. Shannon Davis, was reared to farm work, and received his theoretical education in the district schools. The paternal homestead, which came into his possession in 1894, by the purchasing of the interests of the other heirs, is recognized as one of the best farms in Union county, being situated one and one-half miles northwest of Milford Center. The landed estate of our subject now comprises 360 acres, and all is under a most approved system of cultivation, yielding extensive crops and proving an excellent place for the raising of all kinds of live stock. The permanent improvements are exceptional in character and extent, the family residence being a substantial and commodious brick structure of modern and attractive architectural design, having fourteen spacious rooms, inviting verandas, cupola, fine landscape windows, etc., and standing as one of the most elegant homes in the county. The house is most eligibly located as to site, and can not fail to attract the admiring attention of passers-by. A barn 60x80 feet in dimensions, a granary 25x50 feet, and other substantial outbuildings add to the equipment of the magnificent farmstead. Mr. Davis has a fine orchard of sugar maples, the same comprising fully 1,000 trees.

Mr. Davis was united in marriage December 22, 1864, to Miss Caroline L. Ewalt, a lady of much intelligence and refinement. She was born in Knox county, March 4, 1844, the daughter of Richard D. and Phœbe (Douglass) Ewalt, who were natives respectively of Bedford, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The latter was the daughter of Captain William Douglass, an officer in the Revolutionary war. He built the first flouring mill in Knox county, Ohio, and established the first banking institution. Captain Douglass also built the first distillery in Knox county, was recognized as the wealthiest man in this section, and his residence was the finest the county could boast in the early days. Richard D. Ewalt died at the age of sixty-three years, and his widow at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Camilla, Sarah, William, Simon, Catherine, Sophia, Rebecca, Henry, Emily, John, Caroline, one died in infancy. The father was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The son John was was a soldier in the late war, serving three years, and is now a resident of Jay county, Indiana.

W. S. Davis and wife are the parents of

five children, of whom we offer the following brief record: Charles V. married Nancy B. Dines and has one son, Raymond; Lydia A. is the wife of Aaron Gabriel and has one daughter, Nellie D.; and Joseph Richard, who is at home. The dead are: Nellie, who died September 13, 1890, at the age of fourteen years; Maude, who died in March, 1888, aged three years.

In politics Mr. Davis is firmly arrayed in the support of the Democratic party and its principles. Mrs. Davis is a devoted member of the Christian Church. Our subject is a man of marked intelligence and discrimination, has been an indefatigable worker, and has attained not only a high order of success in temporal affairs, but the respect and confidence of all who have had the privilege of appreciating his honorable and upright character.

S J. BRODRICK.—The subject of this review is one who is to be individually considered as one of the representative citizens and business men of Union county, and as a representative, in a more abstract sense, of a family whose history has been honorably linked with this section of the Buckeye State for many decades. The genealogy of the family and other points of pertinent order are outlined in the sketches of our subject's father and brother, appearing elsewhere in this volume, and it is scarcely necessary to again cover the ground in this immediate connection.

Mr. Brodrick is one of the leading business men of Pottersburg, Allen township, where he is conspicuous as a member of the firm of Brodrick, Spain & Irvine, manufacturers of drain tile and paving brick. The enterprise is one which in character of output and scope of operations compares favorably with any other in this section of the State, and it has been pushed forward to such a point as to render it one of the noteworthy industries of Union county. The plant was established and for some time operated by L. M. Crary & Company, as whose immediate successors the present firm figures. The output of the manufactory is second to none in finish and durability, and the business of the firm will reach an average aggregate of $3,000 each season. The firm are fortunate in their source of supply, securing clay of unexcelled quality, while they have access also to valuable deposits of white clay. The store-houses utilized are 260 feet in length, while the kiln is fifteen feet in the clear and twelve feet in height.

Mr. Brodrick was born on the old homestead farm, known as the Brodrick farm, in Allen township, April 22, 1856, the son of Isaac and Sarah (Poling) Brodrick, concerning whom specific mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was one of a family of eleven children,—seven sons and four daughters, and grew up on the farm, assisting in the work thereof and attending the district schools. He profited by the educational opportunities which were afforded him, finishing his education in the High School of North Lewisburg, Champaign county, Ohio, and was ultimately so far advanced as to be able to teach, which vocation he followed for some little time, proving a capable and acceptable instructor. He was a young man of good judgment and early manifested that practical ability which has stood him so well in hand throughout his entire life. For a time he worked at the carpenter's trade, and later on devoted

his attention to wagon and carriage work, at Pottersburg, where he still has a shop.

The marriage of our subject was consummated February 28, 1877, when he was united to Miss Nancy Irvine, daughter of Leckey and Nancy (Maxwell) Irvine, honored residents of Allen township, this county, the latter being now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brodrick have two children, Alpha and Myrtie E., and each one of the little family circle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the local organization our subject has been a most zealous and active worker, having been devoted to the church and Sunday school and being the efficient and earnest superintendent of the latter.

In politics Mr. Brodrick believes that the policies and principles advocated by the Populist party are best intended to conserve the interests of the nation, and he accordingly gives his hearty support to that organization, in whose ranks he stands forth as a strong and courageous worker and one of much prominence in a local way. He is a delegate to the Congressional convention of his party this year (1894). Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, retaining a membership in Darby Lodge, No. 636, of Milford Center.

As a man Mr. Brodrick is genial and courteous and enjoys a marked popularity and that respect which is ever accorded to one who directs his life along the line of unquestionable honor and integrity.

JOHN B. MILLER, of Irwin Station, Union county, Ohio, is distinctively one of the representative farmers of this section of the Buckeye State, and one who holds conspicuous official preferment as Township Trustee of Union township.

Mr. Miller is a native son of Ohio, having been born at Rosedale, Madison county, July 20, 1850, the son of James C. Miller, Jr., who is now a resident of Champaign county. The latter was born at Homer, this State, the son of James C. Miller, Sr., who was a native of the State of New York, where he was born in 1797, coming to Ohio when a young man of seventeen years. He married Zelenda Burnham, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Harriet, James C., Zelenda, Lyddart, Eliphas, William Harrison and Rebecca. They both passed their declining days on the old homestead in Champaign county, where they died, the father living to attain the venerable age of ninety-four years.

James C. Miller, Jr., father of our subject, was reared and educated in Madison county, where he remained until he attained maturity and where he married Miss Emeline Burnham, a native of Pike township, that county. She was the daughter of Darius Burnham. The issue of this union was three children, namely: Annette, wife of A. G. Hopkins, of Champaign county; John B., subject of this review; and Frank C., who is also a resident of Union township. James C. Miller, Jr., was engaged at the blacksmithing trade for many years, but eventually turned his attention to farming and stockraising. He has been an honorable and successful business man, and is held in highest esteem in the community where he lives, at the age of seventy years.

John B. Miller grew to maturity on the farm and assisted in the work incidental to its cultivation. He was afforded excellent educational advantages, attending the public schools at Irwin Station, and then pur-

suing a course of study at Antioch College, this State.

In 1890 he took up his residence on his present farmstead, comprising 166 acres, and recognized as one of the finest farms in the township. The place is particularly well adapted to stockraising, as it has several fine springs and brooks. The family residence is a modern frame structure of pleasing architectural design, erected at a cost of $2,000, while the place is well equipped with excellent barns and other outbuildings.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage in 1871 to Miss Mary E. Hopkins, daughter of George and Sarah Hopkins, and four children were born to them: Louis B., Annette M., Harry R., and Pearl. Mrs. Miller was called into eternal rest April 8, 1883, and in 1884 our subject consummated a second marriage, being united to Miss Anna B., a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hooven) Conner, of Union township.

In politics Mr. Miller exercises his franchise in the support of the Republican party, and he has been an active worker in the ranks of that organization. He was elected as Trustee of his township in the present year (1894). He is a man of much intellectual force, is well informed upon current events, and is enterprising and progressive in his methods. A man of unimpeachable integrity, he retains the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and stands as one of the leading citizens of the community.

JOHN WILLIAMS CROSS, a prominent citizen of Ostrander, was born in Union county, January 4, 1859, and is a member of an honored pioneer family of the Buckeye State. His great-grandparents, Robert and Naomi Cross, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1812, bringing with them their household goods and two children,—Jane and Daniel. The journey was accomplished on horseback. They settled in Licking county, near Chatham, where Mr. Cross engaged in farming and also served as minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that neighborhood. Five children were born to them in Licking county: Mack, John, Nelson, Duncan and Ruth.

Daniel Cross, the grandfather of our subject, was married October 7, 1832, to Phœbe Howell, the second daughter of Hon. Elias Howell, and to them were born four sons and four daughters: George, Robert, John, Charles, Elizabeth, Sarah, Marietta and Harriet. This family removed from Licking county to Union county in 1857, and located a few miles north of Marysville. Before the removal, however, George Cross had married Margaret Patience Williams, a highly educated lady who graduated from the Granville Seminary, April 12, 1855. She was the sixth child in a family of ten children, and was born August 3, 1833. The others were Evan, Thomas, David, Jane, Benjamin, Benjamin, (the second of that name), Mary, Ann and John. Two of the number, Thomas and Benjamin, died in Wales, whence their parents, John and Mary Williams, emigrated to America in 1831. Mr. and Mrs. Cross have the following children, namely: David, Daniel, Howell, John, Charles, James, Edward, Anna and Frank.

John W. Cross remained on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, during which time he attended the common schools and spent two years as a student in the high school of Marysville. He then turned his

attention to teaching, which profession he has followed continuously since with the exception of two years spent as a student in the Northwestern University, at Ada, when he was graduated in the class of 1888. He then came to Ostrander, and has since been Superintendent of the schools at this place. The schools rank among the best in the State for scholarship owing to his able and efficient management. In 1888 he was granted a teacher's life certificate by the Ohio State Board of Education, and in 1890 he was appointed County Examiner of Delaware county, which position he has since creditably and acceptably filled.

In 1882, Mr. Cross joined the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marysville, but in 1893 withdrew his membership and united with the Presbyterian Church of Ostrander. For four years he served in the Fourteenth regiment of the Ohio National Guards, having joined the same only a short time before the regiment was called out for duty at the Cincinnati riots. In 1887, he became a member of Marysville Lodge, Knights of Pythias, with which he is still connected. Mr. Cross is recognized as one of the able educators of the State, and a high testimonial of his ability is his long continued service in Ostrander.

JOHN W. LOCKWOOD, Raymond's, Ohio, is one of the substantial farmers of Liberty township, and a member of one of the best families, as well as one of the earliest, in the township.

The Lockwoods are of Scotch extraction, and possess to a marked degree the sterling characteristics of their ancestors. John W. Lockwood was born on the old Lockwood farm, near Newton, or Raymond's, as it is now called, in Liberty township, Union county, Ohio, November 20, 1826. His father, Israel Lockwood, a native of Connecticut, went with his parents and family to New York State when he was a boy and settled on a farm, and when the war of 1812 came on they moved over into Canada and located near Quebec, where he grew to manhood. He came to Union county, Ohio, in 1816 and settled in Union township, and about 1821 he came to Liberty township and took up his abode here in the dense forest. He was the third settler in the township, the Carters and Culvers having located there before him. In due time he cleared and developed a fine farm of 226 acres, one of the best farms in all the country round. Israel Lockwood was twice married. By his first wife, *nee* Marie McCloud, he had one son, Ed, who died while in the service of his country during the late war. His second marriage was to Angeline Culver, a native of Vermont, and they had ten children, namely: Oliver, John Wesley, one that died in infancy, Amanda, Erastus, George, Melinda Malvina, Harrison, French and Israel. Three of the sons, Oliver, Erastus and Israel, were soldiers in the late war. The father died at the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother at eighty-two. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, politically, he was a Whig. For many years he was one of the most prominent and influential men of the township, well-known by all the early settlers.

John W. Lockwood was reared on his father's frontier farm. His education was received in the log schoolhouse near his home, and later, in the practical school of experience. When he was twenty-three he

married and settled down to farming on his own account, and subsequently he removed to the farm upon which he has since lived. Here he has 310 acres of choice land, used as a stock and grain farm, and well improved with good buildings, everything conveniently arranged for carrying on farming operations in the most improved manner. Like his father before him, he has been uniformly successful.

Mr. Lockwood's first marriage was to Miss Mary Ann Gray, a native of Livingston county, New York, and a daughter of David Gray, of that State. She died January 5, 1866, leaving an only child, Elizabeth Eveline. January 10, 1867, he married Sarah P. Walker, his present companion, who was born in Marlborough, Stark county, Ohio, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Pierce) Walker, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Maryland. Mrs. Walker's father was a cousin of President Franklin Pierce. Her parents were members of the Disciple Church, and by occupation her father was a blacksmith. He died at the age of eighty-two years. Her mother was fifty-seven at the time of death. They had twelve children, two of whom died young, the others being as follows: Mary Jane, Isaac P., Samuel F., Rachel Ann, Elizabeth, John Henry, Sarah P., Hannah Maria, Curtiss H. and Ellen Malissa. Three of the sons, Isaac P., Samuel F. and Curtiss H. were soldiers in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood have three children—Willis A., Carl P. and Arthur Wayne. Willis is married and settled in life, and has one child, Wesley Avril. The other two are at home.

Mr. Lockwood is a member of the Free-will Baptist Church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

LAFAYETTE THOMPSON, one of the respected farmers of Union county, Ohio, was born on the farm in Liberty township, where he now lives, March 21, 1854.

His father, Andrew H. Thompson, deceased, was for many years a prominent citizen of this township. He was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, October 2, 1810, the son of a gallant soldier of the war of 1812; was reared on a Kentucky farm, and was married in his native State to Harriette R. Thomas, who was born and reared in Lewis county, daughter of George Thomas. Andrew H. Thompson and his wife came to Union county, Ohio, in 1838, and settled in Liberty township, and in 1842 they located on the farm where their son Lafayette now lives. At the time they took up their abode here a few acres of the land had been cleared and a log cabin had been built upon the place. They continued to develop the farm, reared their large family here, and here spent the rest of their lives and died, the mother being sixty at the time of death and the father seventy-eight. They were members of the Church of Christ, and were people of the highest integrity of character, honored and esteemed by all who knew them. Of their twelve children, eight reached maturity, namely: George T., D. W., Mary L., Rachel A., Napoleon B., Lafayette, Alice J., Cynthia E. Two of the sons, George T. and D. W., served in the Union army during the late war; both are now residents of Kansas.

Lafayette Thompson was reared on his father's farm, and was early taught those lessons of honesty and industry which have formed the foundation of his character. He now owns the old home place and is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. This

farm comprises 200 acres of rich land, is watered by Mill Creek, and is well improved with good buildings, etc. The residence is a two-story one, 24x30 feet, with an L, 16x18 feet, and is located on a beautiful building site. The barn, 40x50 feet, has a basement for stock. And the whole premises have an air of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Thompson was married at the age of twenty-three to Miss Sarah C. Smith, daughter of George and Hannah Smith. She died in April, 1893, leaving a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, viz.: Andrew H., Olen B., Cloey E., Bessie S., Charlie L., Robert and Lloyd. In December, 1893, Mr. Thompson married Eva L. Shirk, his present companion, daughter of Job and Sarah Shirk, of Paulding county, Ohio. Her mother is now deceased.

Like his honored father, Mr. Thompson is a Republican in his political views, and his religion is that of the Church of Christ, to which church his wife also belongs. Fraternally, he is a member of Raymond's Lodge No. 657, K. of P.

JAMES OUSEY, proprietor of a finely appointed livery, feed and sale stable of Delaware, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, on the 30th of April, 1847, and is a son of Edward and Ann Ousey, the former a native of England and the latter of New Jersey, That worthy couple were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. The father was a farmer, and followed that occupation throughout his entire life. In 1851 he emigrated to Ohio, and the following year was joined by his family. During the late war he entered the Union army, serving as one of the boys in blue of the Twentieth Ohio Infantry. On his return he resumed farming in Delaware county, where he made his home until his death, which occurred April 28, 1888. His widow is now living with her son James.

When Mr. Ousey, of this sketch, was quite young he started out in life for himself, and has since made his own way in the world. He was first employed as a farm hand, and for his services received only $7 per month. When only sixteen years of age he, too, entered the army, joining the boys in blue of Company K, Second Ohio Artillery, with which he continued from January, 1864, until August, 1865, when, the war having closed, he was honorably discharged. His school privileges were quite limited on account of the necessity for him to provide for his own maintenance.

In 1884, Mr. Ousey bought out the livery business of John Sanderson, of Delaware. For twelve years previous, however, he had been engaged in railroading in the employ of what is now known as the Big Four Railroad company. He continued to carry on his first livery stable for four years, and then embarked in the restaurant business in Delaware, which he continued for two years, meeting with fair success in the undertaking. On the expiration of that period, with the capital he had acquired, he erected his fine livery barn at the corner of North Union and Water streets, at a cost of $5,000. He has probably the finest accommodations along his line in Central Ohio, and is now doing a large and constantly increasing business, which yields to him a good income.

Mr. Ousey was united in marriage in 1880, with Miss Catherine Leibendenfer, and they have an adopted daughter, Emma. The lady is a member of the German Reform Church. Mr. Ousey holds member-

ship with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Whatever success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts, and is certainly well deserved, for he has led a busy life, working untiringly from early boyhood.

THOMAS REED, an attorney at law, Marysville, Ohio, was born in Darby township, Union county, this State, June 20, 1840, son of William and Elizabeth (Sager) Reed.

His grandfather Reed, also named William, was born in Armagh, Ireland, in 1733, and when forty-one years of age came to America. During the Revolutionary war he was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment and was all through that struggle, being at Valley Forge during the memorable winter recorded in history. After the war he married a Miss Battus, and for his second wife he chose Miss Martha Hinton. His children were as follows: Isaac, Allen, William, Thomas, Deborah, Rebecca and Mary. He lived to the advanced age of 105 years and four months and his remains are buried at Versailles, Darke county, Ohio.

William Reed, the father of our subject, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in the year 1801, and came with the family to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1811, where he was reared and remained until 1838. That year he came to Union county. He was married in 1825 to Elizabeth Sager, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia. She came with her parents to Union county, Ohio, when she was nine years old and, with the exception of nine years spent in Delaware county, she has since lived in Union county, still on the old home farm, and now being ninety-two years of age. Her father, George Sager, was born in Virginia and died in Ohio. William Reed died in 1874, at the age of seventy-three years. His whole life was passed on a farm, and financially he was successful. Religiously he was identified with the Christian Church. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, record of whom is as follows. George, a wealthy farmer of Kansas; Margaret, deceased; William, a farmer of Woodson county, Kansas; Allen, a farmer of Cherokee county, Kansas; James, at the old homestead in Union county, Ohio; Thomas, whose name appears at the head of this article; Joseph, a prominent physician of Springfield, Missouri; Elizabeth, of Marysville; Lovinia, a resident of Union county, Ohio; and Mary and Susanah, deceased.

Thomas Reed was reared on his father's farm, and received his early education in the district schools. He spent two years as a student in Marysville Academy and one year at Antioch College. At the time the war broke out he was engaged in farming on the old home place. In October, 1863, he enlisted as teamster for service in the Union army, and served six months as wagon master, returning home April 16, 1864. On the 2d of the following month he re-enlisted, this time in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, and as wagoner of his company. He was mustered out, with the rank of sergeant, August 31, 1864. During his service he was twice wounded in the right leg, from the effects of which he suffered greatly for years, and finally, in 1884, had his limb amputated.

After the war Mr. Reed went to Iroquois county, Illinois, where he improved 160 acres of wild land, and where he remained two years. In 1869, he moved to Wilson county, Kansas, and took claim to 160

acres of government land. There he settled down to farming, and resided sixteen years, after which he spent six years in Woodson county, Kansas. Next, we find him in Denver, Colorado. In March, 1890, after one year spent at Denver, he returned to his native county and located at Marysville. Up to this time he had been engaged in farming and stock raising. In May, 1890, he entered the office of J. M. Kennedy, attorney at law, and began the study of law, and in March, 1894, was admitted to the bar. He has since been engaged in the practice of this profession, and thus far has met with success. Naturally quick in thought and forcible in speech, he is well adapted for the legal profession. Politically, he is a Populist. He stumped the State of Kansas four years with Major Morrill and others, and in Union county he is the leader of the Populist party. He is identified with the G. A. R.

Mr. Reed is a man of family. He was married January 6, 1860, to Miss Susan Shirk, who died in 1887, leaving five children, namely: Orintha, wife of F. M. Johnson, Denver, Colorado; Flora B., wife of Alva Traxwell, Denver. Josephine, wife of H. Cruze, Denver, Orras, a stone mason and bricklayer of Denver; and May, wife of Grant Asbury, Butler county, Kansas.

D. C. FAY, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Ostrander, was born in Union county, near Plain City, Ohio, August 10, 1843, a son of Ben A. and Hester (Robinson) Fay, the former born near Burlington, Vermont, and the latter in Indiana. The paternal grandfather of our subject was David Fay.

D. C. Fay, the subject of this memoir, was reared in Union county, Ohio. In 1862 he began the study of medicine under Dr. J. M. Southard, a prominent and well-known physician of that county. He graduated in 1868, and the same year located at Ostrander, where he has ever since followed the practice of medicine. In his political relations, Dr. Fay affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as a delegate to county and State Conventions, was Clerk of the Corporation for nearly a decade, was a member of the City Council for nine years, and has been a member of the School Board. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic Order, No. 158, and of the I. O. O. F., No. 467, and of the County and State Medical societies.

In 1871 the Doctor was united in marriage with Mary Liggett, and they have one daughter, Monna L.

JOSEPH M. KENNEDY.—The identification of the agnatic line, in which our subject is a descendant, with the history of our nation, dates its inception from early Colonial days, and the genealogy of the family is one whose tracing from that period offers an interesting record as bearing upon respective general history as one generation succeeded another in the field of activity and accomplishment. With the annals of the history of Union county, Ohio, has that of the Kennedy family been intimately connected from the beginning of the present century, the first representative in the county having been Joseph Kennedy, grandfather of our subject. He came hither in 1805, accompanied by his wife and three sons. He was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, the son of William and Mary Kennedy.

As the name indicates, the family is of Scotch origin, and as early as 1732, three brothers, John, Thomas and William, left their native heath and took up their abode in the north of Ireland, where Thomas passed the residue of his life. Soon after this, however, John and William determined to continue their pilgrimage still farther, and they accordingly set sail for the New World; arriving here, John located in Charleston, South Carolina, where he reared a family, which, in the course of time, became scattered throughout the South. William, who was the original American representative of that branch to which our subject belongs, landed at Baltimore, Maryland, and thence passed up the Potomac river and settled in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where at least one of his descendants still lives. William Kennedy was a prominent man in his section, and records in the possession of the present generation show that he served as Colonial Judge, under the regime of George III., prior to the war of the Revolution. He was the great-great-grandfather of the immediate subject of this review; was engaged in farming, and was a local preacher in the Presbyterian Church. Tracing along the direct line we find that the next in order was William Kennedy, a son of Joseph, who was reared and passed his entire life in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in tilling the soil, as had been his father before him. He had a family of six sons, of whom four emigrated Westward, one settling at Steubenville, Ohio; one at Dayton, same State; one near Richmond, Indiana; and the last, Joseph, in this county, as already noted. He located in that section where the thriving village of Milford Center now stands, the place at the time comprising only three or four primitive log cabins. Here he erected a smithy and began operations at his trade of blacksmithing, which he followed as a vocation during the remainder of his life. He was a man of intelligence and sturdy rectitude of character, and attained prominence in the little pioneer community, having held various offices of public trust in the gift of the people. We can scarcely fail to chronicle the fact that he was elected County Recorder of Union county, being the first incumbent in that office after the organization of the county.

Joseph Kennedy reared a family of nine children, concerning whom we are enabled to offer the following record, given in the order of their birth: Hezekiah, a blacksmith; John; Oliver C., who was for many years a merchant at Milford Center, where he also held preferment as Postmaster; Ellen; James; Joseph, who died in early childhood; Eliza; William, who was a banker at Bellefontaine, this State; and Mathias. The children all retained a residence in this State, save James, who located in the far West, where he attained a position of no little prominence, being a Whig and an active public-spirited man, large of physique, jovial in manner, and unmistakably popular.

John Kennedy, father of our subject, was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, coming with his parents to this county when a mere child, and in time learning the blacksmith trade under the direction of his father. He was employed at his trade until he had attained the age of forty years, when he purchased a farm and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits, meeting with success and attaining a competence before his death. He was a man of broad intelligence and much force of character, and had held several of the public offices of local order. He was married in 1825

to Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Morse, one of the pioneer settlers in this county, and about five years later he removed to Madison county, Ohio, where he cleared up and improved a fine farm of 300 acres.

John and Elizabeth Kennedy became the parents of six children, namely: Mary Ann, wife of Addison Bidwell, of Darby township, this county; Eliza A., deceased wife of the late Nathan Bidwell, of this county; Matilda, deceased; Oramell, an influential farmer of Madison county; Joseph M., subject of this review; and Arritte, deceased. The father died in 1864, at the age of sixty-two years, and the mother in 1883, at the age of eighty-five years.

Joseph M. Kennedy, to whom this review is individually dedicated, was born in Madison county, this State, April 12, 1833; was reared on the paternal farmstead and attended the district schools during the winter months. He also studied at home, being avidious to secure a good education, and showing a marked aptitude for and devotion to study while still a mere boy. Later he was enabled to enter the Wilson & Hinkle Academy, at Mechanicsburg, and there he continued his educational discipline for a period of one year. After leaving school he devoted his attention to teaching for three years. February 11, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Alma Bradley, after which he resided on his farm in Madison county for some fifteen years, having within this time held office as Justice of the Peace for six years. In 1857 he took up the study of law at home, testing his acquirements in legal lore from time to time by submitting to an occasional professional quiz by Harrison McCloud, of London, this State. In 1869 he disposed of his farming interests in Madison county, and within the succeeding year took up his residence in Marysville, where he was forthwith admitted to the bar and where he has since continued in the practice of his profession. On the start he formed a professional alliance with H. J. King, and this association continued for one year, after which our subject formed a partnership with J. L. Cameron, with whom he was associated three years, after which he was alone for an equal length of time, and then again joined issues with Mr. King for one year. Since that time Mr. Kennedy has been alone in his professional work, which has been one of general practice. He has given considerable attention to pension claim business and has been successful in securing a recognition of the claims of many old soldiers, who served faithfully and well during the late war. Mr. Kennedy has retained a large and representative clientage and has been concerned in many of the important litigations of the county. He is eminently judicial, is strong in his arguments before a jury, and is ever logical and concise in his pleas, being recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the county.

In politics Mr. Kennedy is an ardent Republican, and in 1872 he was the municipal candidate of his party for the office of Mayor of Marysville, being duly elected and serving in that official capacity for two years, during which the affairs of the city were most capably administered. He has been particularly active in political work and has been a delegate to numerous State and county conventions of his party.

By his first marriage our subject had five children: Florence, deceased; Nettie A.; James W., of Madison county; John C., Deputy County Surveyor of this county; and Elizabeth. Mr. Kennedy's second marriage was consummated February 28, 1886, when

he was united to Mrs. Permilla Ruggles, daughter of Elijah B. Hubbard, who was a clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Albany, New York, where Mrs. Kennedy was born. She has one child by her first marriage, Adolphus. Another son, Frank E., is deceased.

JOHN C. ASMAN, one of the leading business men of Marysville, Ohio, was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 30, 1837, youngest of the three children of Samuel and Margaretta (Pelsner) Asman. The other two are Leonard, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; and Charlotte, wife of Leonard Partalt, of Germany. The father was engaged in the grocery business in Bavaria, and both he and his wife died in their native land.

John C. Asman spent the first twenty-three years of his life in Germany, where he received a fair education in the common schools and where he also learned the trade of butcher. He then came to America, landing here without money or influential friends and first locating in Columbus, Ohio. That was in 1860. For three years he worked at his trade in that city and in 1863 came from there to Marysville. Here he was employed in the meat market of L. Woods, with whom he remained until the latter's death, after which Mr. Asman and Mike Woods bought out the business. Mr. Asman had saved his earnings while in Columbus and at the time he came to Marysville had $200. With this he started out in business. To-day he is ranked with the most wealthy and influential men of the city, and his success in life is attributed wholly to his own industry and business ability. He remained in partnership with Mr. Woods a little over a year, and afterwas associated with several others, having a business partner until 1879. From that year until 1889 he was alone in business, and since 1889 his son, William, has been in partnership with him. They now operate one of the finest equipped meat markets in central Ohio, which is known as the Palace Meat Market and which was fitted up by them in the spring of 1894. It has a tile floor and all the latest improved furnishings. They manufacture all kinds of sausage and prepare a large variety of cured meats, and they kill an average of five cattle, seven calves and fifteen hogs every week the year round.

Mr. Asman also has other business interests in this city. He was one of the organizers of the Marysville Bank, and a stockholder and director in the same, and when the Union Bank of Marysville was organized he became a stockholder and director in it. In 1892 he was one of four gentlemen who founded the John Rouch Manufacturing Company; at the reorganization of the Robinson & Carry Company, of this city, he took stock in it; and in 1894 he was one of the organizers of the Marysville Hotel Company. Of this last named company he was made a director and treasurer. Indeed, he was one of the main factors in pushing to a decisive issue the formation of the company and the erection of their building. He also erected his own business block and residence. From these brief statements of the important concerns with which he is connected, it is readily seen that Mr. Asman is a public-spirited and progressive man. Indeed, there are few men in the city who have done more to advance its interests than has he.

Mr. Asman was married in Marysville in March, 1865, to Miss Anna B. Emmert, a native of Paris township, this county, born in 1840, daughter of Michael Emmert, one of the old settlers of Union county, who came here in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Asman have had eight children, viz.: William, who is in partnership with his father; Charlotte, wife of Rev. William Stillhorn, West Alexander, Ohio; George, who was killed on the railroad at Delaware, Ohio, May 8, 1891; Elizabeth, at home; Charles, who is in Chicago studying pharmacy; and Fred, Thomas and Maggie, at home.

Mr. Asman and his family are members of the Lutheran Church of Marysville and he is one of the Elders of the church.

JOHN P. KRITLINE.—A well-known and an honored resident of Unionville, Union county, Ohio; one who has passed the major portion of his life in said county, and one who has long held conspicuous official preferment in a local sense, it is most fitting that a review of the life of Mr. Kritline be included in this work. He was born November 12, 1831, near Baden-Baden, Germany, coming to America with his parents in 1836 and landing in New York just three months to a day subsequent to the date of embarkation. Shortly afterward they started for Ohio, traveling by canal to Buffalo, thence by Lake Erie to Cleveland, from which city they proceeded by canal to the capital city of the State. From Columbus they came to Union county, where the father purchased land in the "Dutch settlement," in Paris township. About a year after their arrival "milk sickness," a disease familiar to the pioneers of the section, broke out among the settlers and became fatally epidemic. Our subject's father, mother and two brothers were attacked with the malady, and all of them succumbed to its ravages within sixty days.

Mr. Kritline was one of eight children, of whom five besides himself survived the epidemic which carried off his parents and brothers. The other five survivors were Margaret, Catherine, Andrew, Mary and Maria. Margaret was married, in Germany, to a man named Hingdefer, and they came to America and to Union county at the same time as did the former's parents; she died more than twenty years ago, at the age of forty-eight years, her husband having died five years prior to this, leaving her with a large family. Catherine married Gottleib Rupright, a farmer residing four miles east of Marysville, in Paris township, Union county, and she died in February, 1891, at the advanced age of seventy-five years, her husband surviving until February, 1893, when he passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. They left a large family, all of whom have attained to mature years. Mary, who is unmarried, resides in Columbus, where she conducts a dressmaking establishment, and where she has lived continuously since 1848. As the result of life-long industry, she has accumulated a little property, owning a valuable home on Warren street, in that city. Maria, the youngest, was bound out to Mr. Gibson, of Union township, later on married John Wideman, and died several years ago, leaving four children; Mr. Wideman subsequently remarried.

At the time of the death of his parents our subject was six years of age, and his sister Mary was two years his senior. The three orphans were placed under the guar-

dianship of Philip Snider, who is a prominent resident of Marysville, and by him they were bound out, according to the prevalent custom in such cases. Our subject thus entered the home and service of Thomas Robinson, a farmer residing near Unionville, and there remained until he had attained his majority. During the time he was with Mr. Robinson his muscles received better training than his mind. The conditions of his apprenticeship required that he be sent to school three months in the year, but some years he was permitted to attend school scarcely that many weeks. When he became of age, therefore, he had to face the future with the bare rudiments of an English education. It has been demonstrated over and over again, however, in the history of men that education is by no means confined to books or schools. The practical experiences of every-day life more fully equip a man for meeting the duties that each day brings forth than do the mere theories of teachers and of books. What, therefore, Mr. Kritline lacked in the way of education he made up in patient and persevering industry. As a boy he had learned to work, and the result of this healthful discipline had been a rugged constitution and a sturdy independence of character. His active and receptive mind began to assert itself, and he determined to improve every opportunity for bettering himself. At the close of his apprenticeship he hired out by the month. He next entered the employ of a son (also Thomas by name) of Mr. Robinson, and with him remained for a period of seven years, devoting his time to the shipping of cattle, hogs and sheep. In 1859 Mr. Kritline, who has never married, took up his residence in Unionville, and began boarding with Mrs. Sarah Holycross, with whom he has continued ever since, with the exception of five months during the late war. In the summer of 1862 he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was made a Corporal. Through the fault of the officer commanding the regiment, he and a number of others were not mustered in, and he was sick in the hospital at Delaware, Ohio, overtaking the regiment at Louisville, Kentucky, and participated in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. After this battle, when the pay-roll of the regiment was being made out, the officers decided that those who had not been duly mustered in were not entitled to pay, and that for the service they had given the government they would receive nothing. In other words, it was decided that they were not enlisted soldiers. Upon being informed of this dictum, Mr. Kritline, who regarded it as an injustice to himself and the others similarly placed, left the regiment and returned to his home in Unionville. Shortly after this, at the instance of persons ignorant of the facts, he was arrested as a deserter, and was taken to Cincinnati, where after his case had been investigated, it was decided that as he had not been mustered in he was never in the army, and his release was ordered forthwith. It was brought out in the investigation that he had requested to be mustered in, but that the officer of whom the request was made had told him the matter could be attended to at any time. No blame, therefore, could possibly be attached to him for his action in the premises.

After this brief but rather unsatisfactory military experience, our subject resumed his residence in Unionville, devoting his attention to bee-keeping and gardening. For the past nineteen years he has held the preferment as Treasurer of Darby township, and

has also been the Treasurer of the corporation of Unionville since the time of its organization in 1880. The fact that he has filled these two offices acceptably for so many years is evidence of the trust and confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. It may be safely said of him that no other man in the township is better known or more highly respected.

While Mr. Kritline has acted with the Republican party, he has never been regarded as an extreme party man,—while believing in the principles of his party, he has, when it came to a choice of candidates for county and township offices, been guided by a desire to see the offices filled by men best qualified for the position sought.

A B. SWISHER, M. D.—Marysville, the county seat of Union county, Ohio, is favored in having represented in her list of professional men individuals whose endowments fully capacitate them for the discharge of the responsible duties which devolve upon them. In considering the life histories of the leading medical practitioners of the city we would speak of him whose name appears as introducing this paragraph.

A native of Champaign county, Ohio, our subject was born September 8, 1854, one of the four children of Joseph and Amanda (Bambarge) Swisher, the nativity of each of whom traces back to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

The mother of our subject died in 1871 at the untimely age of thirty-seven years. The father, who is now a resident of Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, was reared on a farm in the Buckeye State and secured his education in the common schools. Early in life he adopted the profession of teaching school, which vocation he followed for years in connection with farming. He came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in company with his parents, the family locating in Champaign county. When the war of the Rebellion cast its gruesome pall over a divided nation Joseph Swisher promptly made ready to go forth in defense of the stars and stripes, enlisting in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He served for three years, participated in a number of the most memorable battles, received successive promotion for meritorious services on the field and was mustered out a Major.

The boyhood days of Dr. Swisher, were passed amid the quiet, pastoral scenes of the paternal farmstead in Champaign county, where he remained until he attained the age of seventeen years, devoting his time to attending the district schools and to such duties as he could perform on the farm. At the age of seventeen he entered the work of school-teaching, devoting himself to this line of work for three winter terms and, meeting with unqualified success, he then secured a position in the public schools of St. Paris, Champaign county, where he was retained until 1878. During this time he had employed his leisure hours in the careful and consecutive study of medicine, taking up a course of reading under the preceptorship of Dr. W. H. McIlvain, of St. Paris. Being by this time well grounded in the elemental principles of the medical science, he entered the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he completed the prescribed course, graduating as a member of the class of 1882, and receiving a diploma entitling him to carry on the general practice of medicine and surgery. The expenses incidental to the

college course he defrayed through funds gained entirely by his own exertions. After his graduation the Doctor established himself in active practice at Casstown, Miami county, Ohio, where he remained for a period of seven years. In 1889 he came to Marysville, and here he has since continued to reside. By close attention to business and unswerving devotion to his patients, as well as by reason of his recognized professional ability, he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice and in gaining the respect and good will of the community.

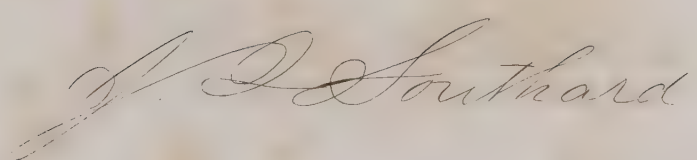
Arriving in Marysville in June, 1889, at the ensuing fall election he was elected to the office of County Coroner, a position in which he served two terms. In the spring of 1890 he was appointed as United States Examining Surgeon for this district of the pension department and served as a member of the Board of Pension Examiners, at Marysville, until the close of the Harrison administration. In 1892 he was appointed physician to the Union County Children's Home, and he is still the incumbent in this office. During the year 1893, he served as local surgeon for the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad Company, and in the spring of the same year was appointed Health Officer for the city of Marysville, an office which he holds at the present time. He is medical examiner at Marysville for the John Hancock, the New York Mutual, the New York Life, the Aetna Life, and other life insurance companies.

The marriage of our subject occurred September 20th of the Centennial year, when he was united to Miss Emma Robinson, of St. Paris, daughter of M. G. and Eliza Robinson. Doctor and Mrs. Swisher are the parents of two children: Chester, aged sixteen, and Grace, aged eight (1894). In 1893 our subject erected a modern residence on West Sixth street, and here the family maintain their pleasant and hospitable home.

The Doctor is a physician who keeps fully in pace with the advancements made in medical science, is progressive in his methods, and has not been denied that honor and regard which are justly his due.

JOHN Q. SOUTHARD, M. D.—Prominent among those honored residents of Union county whose minds bear the impression of the history of pioneer days and trace along consecutively the course of events of the years which mark the end of this glorious nineteenth century, stands the subject of this review, Dr. John Q. Southard, who is a native of the Buckeye State, with whose history that of the family has been linked since the beginning of the present century. Even taken aside from his own accomplishment and his marked precedence as a man and a physician, it is then most compatible that space be given in this volume to a sketch tracing the genealogy of Dr. Southard and to his portrait, as the scion of an honorable and representative family.

The Southard family traces its lineage, in both a direct and collateral way, back to English origin, the record extant being clear and unbroken. The first of the family to become its representative in the New World was Thomas Southard, one of the early settlers of Hempstead, Long Island. His name appears in the official archives and shows him to have been one of the prominent men of the locality, also denoting the fact that he was one of the landholders in that colo-



nial hamlet as early as 1657. The influences which ever tend to broaden the functional province of mankind and lead to the seeking of new fields of endeavor eventuated in the removal of his descendants to New Jersey, where they were settled nearly a century later and where several representatives subsequently attained distinction in professional and official life.

Abraham Southard, the grandfather of Dr. John Q., was a native of Somerset county, New Jersey, and was a relative of the distinguished Henry and Samuel L. Southard, of that State.

Attaining maturity he removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he subsequently was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hull, daughter of Francis Hull, who met his death at the hands of the Indians, while on an expedition down the Ohio river, about the close of the last century. In 1805 the grandfather took up his residence in Ohio, becoming the first representative of the family in this State. He settled in Licking county where he established a home for his wife and their several children, among whom was Isaiah Southard, the father of the immediate subject of this review. In early life Isaiah Southard was engaged in the management of blast-furnace enterprises, in Adams county, Ohio, but later he took up agricultural pursuits. February 23, 1825, he married Elizabeth Parnell, who was born February 28, 1807, in Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of James and Achsah (Stockdale) Parnell, who were of stanch old Irish stock.

Isaiah and Elizabeth Southard reared to maturity four sons and one daughter, of whom we offer the following epitomized record: James M. became a physician and was one of the foremost practitioners of this county and of the State, his death occurring at Marysville, March 16, 1891: a memoir touching his life appears elsewhere in this volume; John Q. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Anna M., who is a woman of noble attributes and gentle refinement, is the widow of U. C. Hall, and resides on the old homestead, in Licking county, secure in the esteem of those who have known and appreciated her sterling worth; Milton I. is an eminent attorney of New York city, and an ex-Member of Congress, in which he represented the Thirteenth district of Ohio for three consecutive terms, attaining much distinction by his labors in the national legislature; Frank H. is one of the distinguished lawyers and statesmen of Ohio, and retains a residence at Zanesville. The father died May 19, 1885, and the mother passed away on the 21st of August, 1893.

John Q. Southard was born in Adams county, Ohio, November 28, 1829, and grew up on the parental farmstead in Licking county, contributing his share in boyhood to carrying on the work of the farm and imbibing copious draughts of the spirit of independence, which is ever the concomitant of the life thus closely linked to nature. The discipline was one which also begot a lively appreciation of the nobility of honest toil and of the advantages which stretched far beyond such a narrowed mental horizon. Our subject was granted such educational privileges as the locality afforded, attending the district schools during the successive winters until he had attained the age of nineteen years. Now the ambition of the youth began to strain at its fetters and he determined to prepare himself for a wider field of usefulness than that which is rounded up by the dull routine of the farm. His ambition was one of effort, and he bent

every energy toward the accomplishment of the desired ends. When but a child of four years Dr. Southard was sorely afflicted in the loss of his right eye from disease, but this misfortune seems to have not daunted his courage in the least, nor has it interfered with the success of his career. It is an exceptional and noteworthy incident that though fostered under the influences and duties of the farm, not only our subject but each of his three brothers turned to the learned professions in choosing his life work, —two adopting the law and two medicine. Young John early realized that if he attained the height to which his ambition directed him he must secure a broader and more liberal education than the common schools afforded, the educational facilities of the Western States at that time being very meager in scope. He accordingly, after some further academic preparation under select tutorage, began to apply himself assiduously to the study of medicine at home, and by his fidelity and close analytical faculty he succeeded in gaining far more than a superficial knowledge of the science in its various branches, even before he could see his way clear to secure proper preceptorage. He continued this application for three years in connection with other duties and was then enabled to take a course of lectures in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio,—said department having subsequently been separated from the main institution and continued individually as the Cleveland Medical College,—one of the strongest institutions in the line that the West can boast at the present time. At this college he graduated with the coveted degree of M. D., in 1856.

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Southard located at Frazeysburg, Muskinum county, this State, and there commenced the active practice of his profession, continuing there about one year and then going to Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained but a brief interval, his delicate health rendering it impossible for him to withstand the cold winds and somewhat rigorous climate of that section. He then came to Union county, which has been the field of his operations during all the long years intervening since that time. His ability in a professional way and his earnest and sympathetic devotion to those to whom he ministered soon gained him a practice which ramified into all sections of the county and which placed exacting demands upon his attention,—a professional duty from which he never flinched, standing ever ready to subordinate his personal inclinations and his personal comfort. Coming to the county fully thirty-seven years ago, the Doctor found the conveniences for traversing the same vastly inferior to what they are at the present time, although the population was nearly as dense as it is today. Long, straggling roads, little improved, and at certain seasons of the year almost impassable, extended through the county, and over these, in all kinds of weather, the Doctor made his way, much of the time on horse-back and with saddle-bags slung beneath him with his cases of medicines. Through summer's heat or winter's frost; night time or day, he pursued his humane mission, visiting alike the mansion and the cabin. On many occasions he was compelled to let down fences and travel for miles through the fields on horse-back, the roads being impassable. He recalls instances where, the mud being deep and slightly frozen, he would have to walk for miles, driving his saddled horse before him.

He had ever an exceptional and deep charity for the poor and needy, often returning a portion of his fees to widows and orphans and according his services without reserve where there was an inability to render him any return save that of heartfelt gratitude. A familiar figure this, in days long past, and one viewed with delight by many a poor sufferer at whose bedside he attended. This was not the life of a sybarite, but one filled with days and nights of toil and hours of heavy anxiety,—a phase of the healing profession that stands in highest honor to one who has thus devoted himself to the noble work against the greatest odds and with the most marked self-denial. Dr. Southard stands to-day as one who has done more business in the line of his profession than any other physician who lives or has lived in the county, and to-day his face is known and his presence welcomed far and wide throughout this section, where he still continues in active practice from his home and headquarters in the thriving city of Marysville.

Skilled, as he is, in his profession, he has reached the point of high attainment by his own efforts, keeping constantly abreast of the advances made in the science and ever maintaining a deep interest in his work, which has become a very part of his life. He has shown a fine executive and business ability and has been prospered in temporal affairs. While still a young man he engaged in sundry land speculations in Kansas and Iowa, and by a successful manipulation of the properties thus secured in an incidental way he realized good returns.

To-day Dr. Southard stands as one of the most substantial capitalists of the county, and one whose success is viewed with pleasure by all who know his honest deserts. He owns 1,300 acres of as fine agricultural land as can be found in the county, the same being comprised in six farms, averaging over 200 acres each, and all under a high state of cultivation. The family home in the city of Marysville is a substantial brick structure of attractive architectural design, beautifully situated on west Fifth street. The place is recognized as one of the finest homes in the city, and is complete in all its equipments. The Doctor is president of the Farmers' Bank of Marysville, which was organized in 1868, with a capital stock of $50,000. He has been connected with this financial institution for a number of years and has been its president since 1891.

He is a member of the Union County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society; fraternally is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Marysville Chapter, No. 99; and politically he has ever been found stanchly arrayed in support of the Democratic party and its principles. In his religious views the Doctor is liberal, and there is nothing apologetic in his attitude in this regard. He has a reverence for spiritual realities and not for mere traditional tenets, having a clear apprehension of the fundamental truth and the altruistic element in human life. He is a man of true sympathy, inclined to regard all men at their best and reluctant to inflict pain, being ever tolerant and charitable.

He has been signally alive to public interests, and has done much in the way of furthering State, county, and municipal improvements. He was prominently identified with the work of securing to Union county the extensive system of fine pike roads, which have given the county the reputation as the banner one in the State in

this particular; he was active in securing the extension of the Columbus division of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad, which has proved of much value in affording transportation facilities to the county, and has ever stood ready to lend influence and aid to all undertakings which have conserved public prosperity and legitimate progress. He is safely conservative, discriminating in his decisions and views. In addition to attending to his representative practice, Dr. Southard maintains a personal supervision of his farming and other interests, keeping his business affairs well in hand at all times. In mental characteristics he is strongly intellectual, and in his bearing is courteous and genial, though not a man of many words. The Doctor is now (1894) sixty-four years of age, but enjoys the strength and virile vigor of a man at two score.

Turning, in brief, to the more purely domestic pages of our subject's history, we find that, September 14, 1861, in this county, was consummated his marriage to Miss Lucinda M. Green, who was born in Fulton county, New York, October 7, 1836, daughter of Theodorus and Eliza (Stuart) Green. Theodorus Green was a prominent stock-grower and farmer of Liberty township, this county, and was a member of the Christian Church, as is also his daughter, Mrs. Southard. He was born in the State of New York, January 26, 1797, and he married Eliza Stuart, who was born in Saratoga county, same State, June 3, 1811. His death occurred in October, 1875, and that of his venerable widow February 19, 1890. Mrs. Southard's maternal grandfather, Nathaniel Stuart, was the only son of Captain Joseph Stuart, an officer in the war of the Revolution, and of Scotch ancestry. Nathaniel Stuart was born in New York December 11, 1786, married Keziah Toby, and in 1836, with his wife and a family of twelve children, emigrated to Union county, where he resided until his death.

Theodorus and Eliza (Stuart) Green left their Eastern home in 1839, making the long and weary journey to Union county, Ohio, in the dead of winter and by means of horses and wagon. The distance thus traversed aggregated some 600 miles, and Mrs. Southard was a child of but two years at the time, being borne in her mother's arms for the greater portion of the way. In these latter days, with rapid and comfortable means of transportation, it would be deemed fatuous in the extreme to thus attempt such a journey with an infant child to be nourished and cared for. Theodorus Green and his wife lived for more than a half century on the same farm, in Liberty township, this county, the place being now owned and occupied by their son, Stuart Green.

Dr. and Mrs. Southard became the parents of five children, three of whom are living at the present time, namely: Frank Stuart, who was born March 12, 1865, was reared at the parental home in this county and received the best of educational advantages, graduating at the Marysville high school, then matriculating at Antioch College, in Greene county, this State, where he completed the classical course, graduating, with honors, in 1887. He then entered the law department of Harvard University, was graduated in 1890, having been admitted to the bar in 1889. He is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Seattle, Washington, retaining a representative clientage and holding precedence as one of the most capable young attorneys in that section of the Union: he was married, September 17, 1890, to Miss Lena Morris, of Greene county,

Ohio, and a classmate of her husband at Antioch; Homer H. was born June 2, 1868, was educated at Antioch College, but was unable to complete the course by reason of impaired health: he is now engaged in farming and stock-growing in this county; Harry Green, born January 1, 1878; Otto M., who was born May 26, 1863, died May 6, 1865, and Henry B., who was the twin of Harry G., died November 4, 1881.

WILLIAM D. MILLER.—At this point we are permitted to take in cursory review the life history of one who stands conspicuous as one of the most extensive and substantial farmers of Trenton township, Delaware county, Ohio, and as one of the most intelligent, progressive and enterprising men who has ever directed his attention and efforts to the noble work of husbandry. If one is to sojourn for any length of time in that naturally favored portion of the Buckeye commonwealth designated by the title of Trenton township, he is sure to note with appreciation the changes wrought by the hand of man to the end of securing the great fields of waving grain, the undulating meadows dotted with innumerable flocks, the substantial improvements and the various other conditions indicatory of a prosperous agricultural community. He is almost equally sure to forthwith hear specific mention made of one of the show places of the township, Evergreen Farm, the domain of the subject of this sketch. Abiding here in peace, contentment and plenty, honored by those among whom his life has been passed, conspicuous in all that tends to the conservation of the best interest of the community, what more consonant than that the life of such a man be taken under consideration in this connection.

Born in Knox county, Ohio, April 4, 1833, William D. Miller is the son of John B. and Cornelia (Clutter) Miller, the former of whom was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1810, being brought to Knox county, Ohio, by his father two years later. The latter, George Miller, was also a native of the old Keystone State, where he died, leaving a widow and seven children. Cornelia Miller was the daughter of Samuel Clutter, a Pennsylvanian by birth. She became the mother of seven children, four of whom are living at the present time, William D., Cinderella, Rachel and Calvin. The mother died at the age of thirty-three years and the father later on consummated a second marriage.

William D. Miller was reared in Knox county, receiving a good education in the common and high schools of Utica. He was thereafter engaged in teaching for a period of two years, meeting with success in his pedigogic labors. In 1864 he came to Trenton township, Delaware county, where he purchased a farm, incidentally assuming the burden of a debt of $6,850. He devoted himself earnestly to the work in hand, bending every effort toward freeing himself from the obligation assumed, and in due time cancelled all indebtedness upon the farm. Later on he purchased other farming land in the township, and at the present time he is the owner of 1,000 acres, well improved and under an effective system of cultivation. Three large barns are conspicuous among the substantial improvements of the magnificent farmstead, one being 30x120 feet in dimensions, another 30x64, and the third sixty feet square.

In connection with his general farming our subject devotes especial attention to sheep raising, being one of the most extensive and successful sheep breeders in the entire county. For thirty years he has kept the same stock of sheep and has continuously improved the strain in the line of a combined wool and mutton producing merino. His success is attested in his large sales of stock for breeding purposes. In his political proclivities Mr. Miller casts his influence and vote with the Prohibition party, being a most zealous worker in the cause and occupying a position of prominence in the councils of the Prohibitionists of the county. Fraternally he has been identified with the Masonic Order, having served as Master of Utica Lodge for a number of years. He is also president of the Delaware Mutual Insurance Company, a prosperous and popular organization.

Mr. Miller was married at the age of twenty-five years to Miss Melissa King, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of William King. The issue of this union was two children: Nettie, who is a resident of Columbus, Ohio, and one deceased in childhood. The wife and mother died in 1861, and three years later our subject wedded Miss Mary, daughter of James and Sarah (Bane) Paul, the former of whom has attained the venerable age of ninety-one years (1894), having been a prominent and honored resident of Morrow county, Ohio, for many years; the mother is deceased. Mr. Miller insists upon giving fully half the credit for his business success to Mrs. Miller, who has been his faithful coadjutor during the years of their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four sons: Henry P., Fred D., John B. and William E. Henry and William received their education at Antioch College, near Springfield, Ohio, and the latter is now instructor in mathematics in the high school of Portland, Indiana. Upon graduating at college, Henry at once assumed control of one of his father's farms, near Sunbury, and devoted himself to sheep-breeding and to writing upon subjects pertaining to the industry. At the present time he has charge of the sheep department of the Ohio Farmer. Fred and John remain at home, devoting themselves with interest and energy to assisting in the farm work. The only daughter of our subject and his wife, Sarah E., died at the age of three years.

Mr. Miller is a Deacon in the Christian Church, is a man of marked intelligence and intellectuality, has attained to a high measure of success in temporal affairs, and lends his influence to all efforts looking to the advancement of education, religion and temperance. Broad in his sympathies, charitable and public spirited, he holds the esteem and good will of all.

THEODORE L. MULLEN, who successfully conducts a livery, sale and feed stable, on Plum street, Marysville, Ohio, deserves recognition among the representative business men of the city, and accordingly a place in this volume. He was born in Marysville, October 18, 1843, son of Charles and Sarah (Bancroft) Mullen, both of whom are now deceased, the death of the mother occurring in 1850 and that of the father in 1882.

Theodore Mullen passed his boyhood days in his native place, attending the public schools until he had attained the age of fourteen years, when he secured employment in a woolen mill in this place and there con-

tinued to be employed until the cloud of war darkened the national horizon. His patriotism was fired and he determined to go forth in defense of the stars and stripes. With this end in view he made his preparations, walked from Marysville to Columbus, the capital city of the State, and there enlisted as a member of Company B, Sixty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the date of his enlistment being March 26, 1862. He forthwith went to the front with his regiment, and the records show that he participated in several of the decisive and most hotly contested battles of the great civil war. He served in the Army of the Potomac, and among the engagements in which he took part may be mentioned the following: Second battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862; Fredericksburg, November 9 to 16, 1862; Gettysburg, July 1, 1863; Mission Ridge, and Lookout Mountain, in November of the same year; and Dallas or New Hope Church, Georgia, where he was wounded in the night and was taken prisoner while being conveyed to the hospital at Chattanooga. He was, however, paroled the succeeding day and sent to Nashville, Tennessee, where he remained until convalescent, when he was transferred to Columbus, this State, and was there discharged, in December, 1864. His wound was a severe one, and he still suffers from the effects of the same, which has never healed. For gallant and meritorious service at the battle of Gettysburg he was promoted to the office of Corporal, and as such was discharged from the service.

After the close of the war he returned to his home in Marysville and once more assumed his position in the woolen mill, where he remained for a number of years, the manufactory being operated by James W. and Col. Aaron B. Robinson, who are still honored residents of Marysville. In June, 1881, he engaged in the livery business, in company with J. B. Robinson, and this association continued about four years, when our subject purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the enterprise upon his own responsibility, giving his entire attention to the same, which is now one of the best in point of equipments that the city can boast, and one whose supporting patronage is of representative order.

Politically Mr. Mullen is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally he retains a membership in Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias, and Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R. Mr. Mullen has erected four residences in Marysville, his own home being eligibly located on Seventh street.

He was married, in 1867, to Miss Lydia Jewell, daughter of Samuel S., deceased, who was one of the representative men of the county. Our subject and his wife are the parents of one child, Edward A.

DAVID H. KYLE, another one of the prosperous farmers of Radnor township, Delaware county, Ohio, was born November 17, 1844, on the farm on which he now lives, and which his grandfather, Hugh Kyle, settled about 1802.

Hugh Kyle was a native of Pennsylvania, and was one of the earliest pioneers of this township, he having come here when it was an unbroken wilderness. His wife's maiden name was Sarah McCarthy, and at the time of their removal here they had one child, Polly. His mother, the great-grandmother of our subject, came with them, and she

was the first person buried in the Radnor cemetery, her tombstone bearing the date of 1807. Four other children were born to them in their frontier home: James, David, Betsy and Sarah,—all of whom are deceased. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age, and both were members of the Presbyterian Church.

James Kyle, the father of David H., was born December 26, 1806; was reared on the old home place and passed his whole life here. He married Elizabeth Boyd, whose parents were among the pioneers of the county. The Kyles were Scotch-Irish and the Boyds were of German origin. James Kyle was the second male child born in the township. He was chosen by his fellow citizens to fill various local offices, the duties of which he performed with the strictest fidelity and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church at Radnor. She died November 8, 1873, and he passed to his reward May 3, 1879. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are yet living. Three of the sons fought for the Union during the civil war: Elias, Hugh and James B., the last named being killed while in the service. Elias is now engaged in farming in Union county, this State, and Hugh is farming in Kansas.

David H. Kyle grew up on his father's farm, and when he reached manhood purchased a farm near Richwood, Union county, where he lived four years. At the end of that time he sold out, returned to the scenes of his childhood and purchased the rest of the old homestead, he already being the owner of one-half of it. This is an excellent farm, and comprises 161 acres.

March 21, 1871, Mr. Kyle married Elizabeth Griffiths, daughter of David R. Griffiths, a native of Wales, who came to America in 1833, and became identified with the farming interests of Radnor township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle's only child, David J., born January 26, 1878, died November 24, 1888, aged ten years, nine months and twenty-eight days.

He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he is a Republican. He has served in various township offices.

L. S. CONDIT, owner of the Evergreen Home Jersey Stock Farm, in Trenton township, Delaware county, was born in this township, March 28, 1854, a son of Marvin Condit, a native of New Jersey, and a mechanic and wagon-maker by trade. His death occurred in 1857. Marvin Condit married Sarah Leak, who died in 1882, and they had six children, three now living: Alice, wife of George Simmons, of Licking county, Ohio; D. H., a resident of this township; and L. S., the subject of this sketch.

The last named came to the Home Jersey Stock Farm in 1871, to reside with his uncle, Ed M. Condit, a prominent and well known citizen of this locality, who died in 1881. His widow still resides on the home farm, aged seventy-nine years. Our subject owns 360 acres of well improved land. His Jersey butter brings the highest market price. Everything about the Evergreen Stock Farm shows the thrift and prosperity of its owner.

Mr. Condit was married in 1880, to Miss Della Conard, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of James W. and Nancy (Evans) Conard. They are the parents of two children: Edith M., born in

1882; and Dane Conard, born in 1891. Mr. Condit affiliates with the Prohibition party. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a ruling Elder.

ROSEL EDWARDS, proprietor of the Pioneer Stock Farm, was born in Harlem township, Delaware county, September 12, 1841, a son of John Edwards, a native of Pennsylvania. For many years he was a prominent and well-known citizen of this township. The mother of our subject, *nee* Elizabeth Cockrell, was also born in Harlem township, a daughter of Ed. Cockrell, one of the pioneer settlers of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards had thirteen children, namely: Minerva, Mary, Rosel, Eli, William, John, Ellen, James Monroe, George (deceased), Nancy, Henry, Martha and Elijah. Eli was a soldier in the civil war. The mother departed this life in 1854, and the father died March 4, 1894, at the age of eighty years. He was a successful farmer, having accumulated much property, and was identified with the Republican party.

Rosel Edwards, the subject of this memoir, was reared on the old home farm, and attended a district school near his home. In 1885 he located on his present farm, which consists of 450 acres of the best land in Delaware county, and which is under a fine state of cultivation. In addition to his general farming, he is extensively engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred Percheron horses and Jersey cattle. He keeps an average of seventy milch cows on the farm. Mr. Edwards is a stockholder, director and one of the largest patrons of the Sunbury Creamery Company.

He was married at the age of twenty-one years, to Naomi Jane Barrick, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of James and Ruth (Cross) Barrick. To this union have been born thirteen children, viz.: Almeda (deceased), Clara, John, Rosa, James, Emma, Charles, Willie (deceased), Burton H., Orvilla, Dellno, Howard and Frank. In his political relations, Mr. Edwards affiliates with the Republican party.

C. N. METZGER, a farmer of Porter township, Delaware county, was born in Monroe township, Knox county, Ohio, June 13, 1860, a son of Joseph Metzger, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1819. His father, Michael Metzger, was of German descent. The family came to Perry county, Ohio, in 1823, where Joseph was born and reared. He was married at Mount Vernon, this State, to Mary Bechtol, and they had five children: John, Henry, Charles, Mary and Catherine. The wife and mother died, and the father afterward married Rachel Houk, *née* Walker. She had two children by her former marriage—Mary E., and one deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger had six children: James, Joseph M., C. N., George W., Joanna R. and Albert. Mr. Metzger died in Knox county at the age of sixty-six years. His widow still resides in Monroe township, that county.

C. N. Metzger, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools, and afterward entered the National Normal School at Lebanon. In 1882 he located on the farm where he now lives, the place comprising 131 acres, and being then known as the Joseph Mendenhall farm. He occupies a good two-story residence, 24 x 29 feet, with

an addition 13 x 32 feet, and a rock cellar. The place contains many other valuable improvements. Mr. Metzger affiliates with the Republican party, and is now serving as Justice of the Peace.

June 27, 1881, by Rev. A. Hann, a Presbyterian minister, our subject was married, in Delaware, to Ida May Belle, a daughter of B. W. and Eliza (Warner) Belle. The father was a well-known citizen of Berkshire township, this county. Mrs. Metzger received her education at the Sunbury high school. Our subject and wife have five children, viz.: Ralph D., Audley C., Ben Harrison, Johanna R. and Ida May Belle. Mr. Metzger is a Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Secretary of the official board, and Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN LANE, a farmer of Porter township, Delaware county, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1837, a son of John and Maria (Eastman) Lane, natives also of that place. They were members of the Church of England. John, one of eight children, four sons and four daughters, was reared to farm work at his native place. At the age of twenty years he came to Canada, where he found employment on a farm. He came to Ohio in November, 1860, and settled near Olive Green for a time. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company F, Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years with honor and credit. He was under fire at New Madrid, Corinth and Iuka, was for a time under General Pope and General Rosecrans, and was also with General Sherman on the great march to the sea, in the siege of Atlanta and the most famous campaigns. Receiving his discharge at Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Lane engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county. In 1865 he came to his present farm of 102 acres, where he has all the necessary farm improvements.

Our subject was married in Devonshire, England, at the age of twenty years, to Susan Spearman, who was born and reared at that place. They have ten children: Mary Ann, Martha Jane, John Thomas, Minnie Grace, George, William, Jesse, Anna Maria, Levina and Albert. Four of the children are still at home. John T. is engaged as a teacher. John Lane is an active and zealous worker in the Republican party, and for five years has served with credit as Township Trustee. The family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Lane is a man of the highest intelligence, is honest and upright in his dealings, is successful in his business ventures, and is one of the most popular citizens of the county.

JOSEPH F. WOODS.—Union county, Ohio, contributed to the Federal army many a brave and valiant soldier during the late Civil war, and among those surviving at the present time,—when the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are being disintegrated by the one invincible foe, death,—stands the subject of this sketch, who was loyal to his country in her hour of peril, and who now stands as her staunch supporter in these "piping times of peace." Mr. Woods is one of the representative farmers of Union township, and is a native son of the county, having been born May 28, 1837, on the paternal home-

stead, lying in this township, along the course of the Big Darby creek.

His father, John P. Woods, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1806, being the son of Rev. Samuel and Margaret (Power) Woods, who came from Pennsylvania in the early pioneer days of 1807, the father having been one of the first Presbyterian clergymen in this section of the State. He was a man of simple piety and marked ability, and his labors must ever be held in lasting regard. He died in 1815, leaving a widow and five children. We are enabled to offer the following brief record concerning the children: John P. was the father of our subject; Eliza, the only daughter, married Rev. Benjamin Dolbear. Samuel was born August 26, 1819, and died March 3, 1880; James F. was born near Milford Center, Ohio, June 21, 1812, was a prominent attorney of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and died December 10, 1893; Judge William Woods, deceased, was a prominent man in the county, having been Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and having been the founder of the Bank of Marysville.

Our subject's father, John P., was reared and educated in this county, and here was consummated his marriage to Miss Jane M. Finly, who was born in the old Keystone State in 1810, the daughter of Joseph Finly, who was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and who was an early settler in Union county. The maiden name of his wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, was Frances Moore. John P. and Jane M. Woods became the parents of five children, namely: Joseph F., who is the subject of this sketch; Harlan P., who participated in the late war as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, is now a resident of Plain City, Ohio; Frances is the wife of S. W. Robinson, of Kenton, this State; Isadore died at the age of fourteen years; and Theodore J. is a resident of Taylor township, this county. The father died March 6, 1851, at the age of forty-four years, and the mother survived to attain the advanced age of seventy-eight years, her death occurring in 1888. In politics, John P. Woods was a Whig and an ardent Abolitionist, and religiously was a leading adherent of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was a most zealous worker.

Our subject, Joseph F. Woods, was reared to farm life on the old homestead and received his educational discipline at Bridgeport and Delaware, this State. August 30, 1861, he enlisted for service in the late war, as a member of Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he participated in the battles of Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, besides several other conflicts of minor sort. He was finally detached from his regiment and was placed on duty at Columbus, Ohio's capital city, where he assisted in the taking of recruits to the front. He was honorably discharged from the service, September 14, 1864, as Sergeant of Company D.

In 1874 Mr. Woods took up his residence on his present farm, which is known as the old Judge Gill homestead, and which is one of the very best farms in the township, comprising, in Darby and Union townships, 135½ acres and being under a most approved system of cultivation. The family residence, which was erected by our subject in 1882, is one of the attractive rural homes of this section, being commodious and of modern and symmetrical architectural design. Other permanent improvements on the place are of a character consonant with

progressive and enterprising methods which Mr. Woods brings to bear in the cultivation and management of his farming industry. The place shows a goodly array of live stock of all kinds, and no little attention is devoted to this department of the enterprise.

September 12, 1867, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Belle Martin, a woman of culture and gentle refinement, and one who attained distinctive popularity in Darby township as a successful teacher. She was born in Darby township, this county, May 14, 1841, the daughter of James and Edith (Penrose) Martin, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and both of whom are now deceased. They were prominent and honored residents of Darby township, this county, for many years, and were the parents of six children, namely: Amelia, wife of J. C. Robinson, of Darby township; Joseph P., of Darby township; Keziah, who died at the age of eighteen years; Belle, wife of our subject; Mary, deceased; and Maria, wife of James Anderson, of Ringgold county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods have had three children, namely: Zella, who died at the age of two years, three months and five days; Nellie and Carrie. The surviving daughters are both successful and popular teachers and are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which their mother also is a devoted adherent.

Our subject lends his ballot and influence to the support of the Republican party. He is a man of marked intellectual power, and in his personality is frank and genial, while his honor and probity are beyond cavil. To him has been accorded the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lives.

WH. SINGER.—The subject of this sketch is one of the well-known and honored farmers of Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, and has gained a certain and peculiar distinction by maintaining his residence on the same farm which figured as his birthplace, the date of his nativity having been November 15, 1840.

His father was Samuel Singer, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and who was a stone-mason by trade. His father, George Singer, was a native of England, and came to America when a young man.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Catharine Valentine, and she was a daughter of John Valentine, a native of Maryland, where his daughter was also born. John Valentine's father was born in England.

The parents of our subject were married in Maryland, and in 1827 they came to that part of Marion county, Ohio, which is incorporated in the present county of Morrow. They located in Canaan township, and the father opened the first general store in the little town of Denmark, Canaan township. He continued this enterprise for a period of five years, after which he effected the purchase of the farm where our subject lives at the present time; the land being heavily timbered and entirely unreclaimed. He built a log house and cleared and otherwise improved the farm, remaining there until 1862, when he purchased a farm in Perry township, Morrow county, and made that his abiding place for two years, after which he resumed his residence on the old farm in Cardington township. He served as a private during the war of 1812, was a Democrat in politics, and religiously was identified

with the Presbyterian Church. He was a man of prominence in the community and was well known throughout the county. He died in his seventy-fourth year, and his widow passed away at the age of eighty-six years.

They were the parents of nine children, of whom we offer the following brief record: George M. is a resident of Indiana; Valentine V. is of Cardington, Ohio; Mary Ann is the wife of George W. Bolenger, of Cardington township; Margaret H. is the wife of Jonathan Kester, also of this township; Samuel is deceased, as is also Lovina; John J. is a resident of Van Wert county, Ohio; Thomas J. resides at Logansport, Indiana, and William H. is the immediate subject of this review.

Our subject, who was the youngest of the family, was reared on the farm which now constitutes his home, receiving his education in the district schools and in Iberia College, which building is now utilized as the working home for the blind, in this county. At the age of fourteen he began to work for himself, engaging as a clerical assistant in a produce establishment at Galion, Ohio, where he remained for three months, after which he engaged in the same line of enterprise for himself at Cardington, thus continuing until 1862. In the following year he went to Buffalo, New York, and was there engaged in the same business for six months; then in New York city for another six months, after which he returned to Ohio and opened a similar establishment at Bellville, Richland county, where he continued operations until 1867.

May 19, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Austin, who was born in the State of New York, but who was reared in Richland county, Ohio, being the daughter of Dr. T. T. Austin, a prominent physician of Bellville. Within the year of his marriage Mr. Singer purchased the interests of the other heirs to his father's estate and located on the old homestead, where he has ever since continued to reside. The place, which is one of the finest in the county, comprises 200 acres, and is under a high state of cultivation. The owner has devoted himself to general farming, but has awarded special attention to the raising of potatoes and popcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Singer have had three children, namely: Anna, who is deceased; Mary C., wife of Frank Skinner, of Cardington, and Willie A., at home. In his religious views our subject is charitable and liberal. Politically he is an ardent Democrat and is an active worker and a power in the local ranks of his party, though he has strenuously objected to becoming a candidate for any political office, having declined the nomination in 1893 for Representative in the joint convention of Marion and Morrow counties, not wanting to be incumbered with any office. But finally in 1894 he consented to accept the nomination for Sheriff of Morrow county, because the ticket must be full, and for the good of the party, at the same time feeling quite confident that he would not be elected because the majority was too large against him. He has manifested much interest in the work and efforts made by the farmers of the country with a view to securing a better representation in the affairs of State, and he was president of the Morrow County Farmers' Alliance during the time the organization was retained. He is a member of the Western Farmers' Club and has held all the offices in the same. Fraternally he is a member of Cardington Lodge, No. 194, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FRANCIS A. WELCH.—Among the representative farmers of Peru township, Morrow county, Ohio, he whose name initiates this paragraph must assuredly be accorded place, for his position has been one of prominence in many ways.

He was born in Bennington county, Vermont, May 17, 1825, the son of Ebenezer Welch, who likewise was a native of the Green Mountain State, where he was reared to man's estate. He was a son of John Welch, who was a representative of one of the early New England families and who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, in one of the battles of which conflict he was severely wounded, receiving a pension from the Government by reason of his injuries.

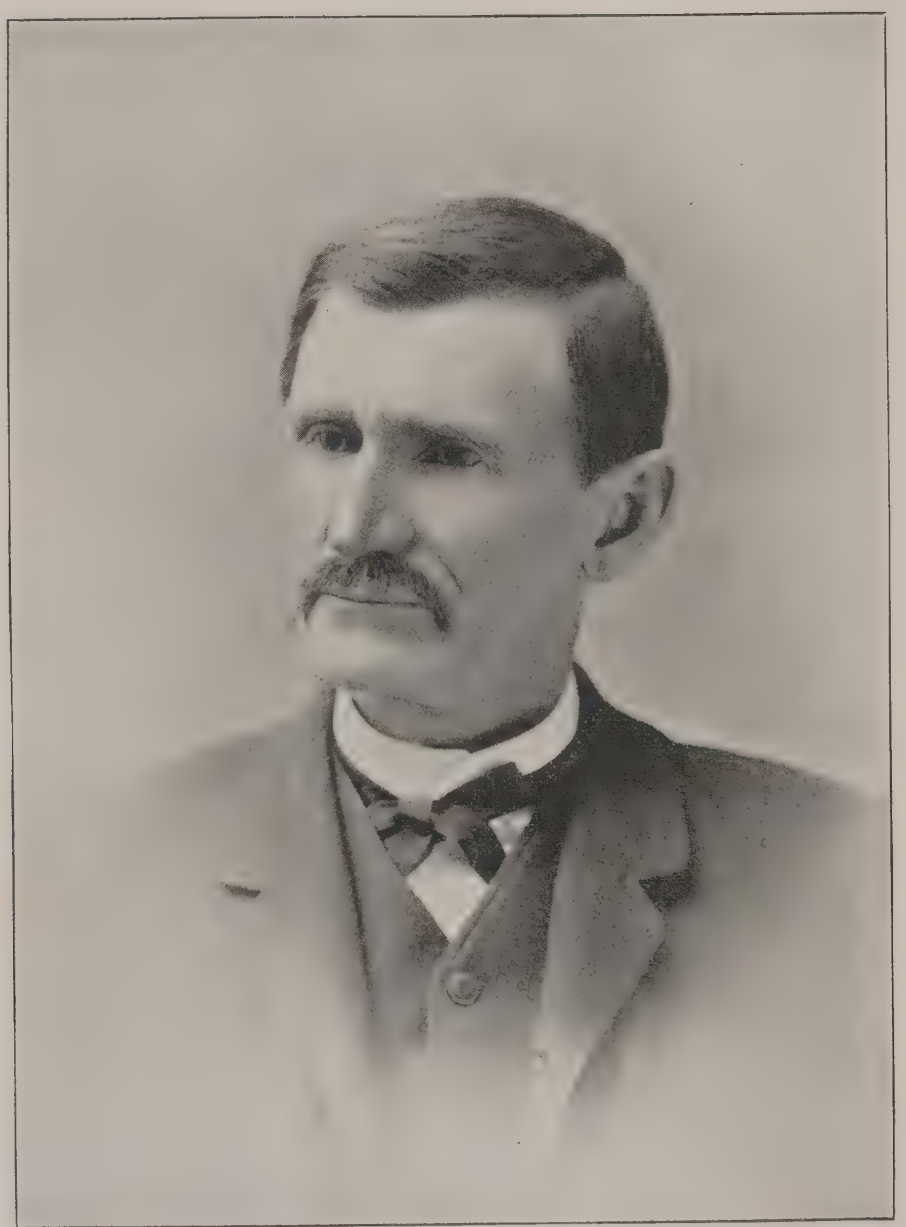
Ebenezer Welch took unto himself a wife in the person of Susan Bennett, who was born in Bennington county, Vermont, and there reared. Her father, Francis Bennett, was a descendant of a prominent family long resident of the New England States, he himself having been a native of Vermont. He was a minister of the old-fashioned Baptist Church, and he lived to attain the age of more than eighty years, the family having been one notable for longevity.

The parents of our subject were married in their native county and there passed the span of their lives, the father dying at the age of sixty years and the mother at eighty-eight. The former was an active participant in the war of 1812. They became the parents of eight sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, but of whom all, save two, are now deceased. Of them we record that Samuel, John, Daniel and Thomas are deceased; Josiah is a resident of the State of New York; Lyman is deceased; Perry is deceased; Francis A. is the subject of this review; Sarah is deceased, as is also Betsey.

Our subject was the youngest son, and he remained in his native county until he had attained the age of nineteen years, his mental discipline having been one of practical experience in the affairs of life, rather than that gained from books. At the age of nineteen years he left the parental roof and started out empty-handed to carve out his own fortune. He proceeded to Rensselaer county, New York, where he worked by the month or year for a period of twelve years, receiving wages ranging from eight to twelve dollars per month.

In 1848 he was united in marriage to Ann Eliza Lain, who was born and reared in Rensselaer county, New York, being the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Lain. She died, leaving two children: Theodore M., of Richland county, Ohio, who has two sons, Frank and John; and one child who died young.

Four years subsequent to the death of his wife Mr. Welch came to Morrow county and purchased a farm of sixty-three acres, in Peru township, taking up his residence on the same. July 22, 1855, he consummated a second marriage, being then united to Samantha (Oliver) Dillingham, widow of Alfred Dillingham. She was born in Peru township and was the daughter of William and Annis Oliver, who were among the early settlers in the county. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two sons and one daughter, of whom we make record as follows: Nettie is the wife of Alfred Finley, of Kansas, and has six children; Emerson E. married Jessie Doty and has two children, Clare and Tacy; Lyman married Delia Rosevelt and has two children, Mabel and Esley.



Yours Truly
Thos E Duncan

At the time of the late war Mr. Welch enlisted as a private in Company G, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was under detail as a general utility man to Colonel Neff. He served eleven months, after which he returned to his home in this township. He now owns in this township a well improved farm of 110 acres.

In politics Mr. Welch is an ardent Republican, and he has taken a prominent part in the local councils and affairs of the organization. He served for a full decade as Township Trustee, and in 1887 he was elected County Commissioner, serving in that capacity for three years. He has also served as a delegate to the State convention several times. He is one of the board of School Directors in the township; is clerk of the district and chairman of the School Board. Fraternally he is identified with Ashley Lodge, I. O. O. F., and religiously, he is a member of the Society of Friends. A man of stanchest integrity, and of marked ability, he has long held a high position in the respect and confidence of the community.

JUDGE THOMAS E. DUNCAN, the subject of this brief sketch, is an honored resident of Morrow county, where he has attained high distinction and precedence in the line of his profession, in business and social circles, and upon the bench in the exercise of important judicial functions.

The subject of this review was born November 21, 1839, in Mechanic township, Holmes county, Ohio, the son of William Duncan, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was born in the year 1812, as the offspring of Andrew and Jane (Wiley) Duncan, the latter of whom was a sister of Dr. Andrew Wiley, a distinguished Presbyterian divine, as well as Dr. Andrew Wiley, who attained eminence as a physician. The first named brother was for many years president of Washington College, Pennsylvania, which institution was subsequently consolidated with Jefferson College, forming the present Washington and Jefferson College. The ancestral lineage of the Duncan family is highly honorable and dates back to Scotland, where Andrew was born.

Andrew Duncan removed from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Jefferson county, Ohio, at an early day and here he subsequently met his death, receiving fatal injuries as the result of an accident in a clearing, in which a log rolled upon him. The father of our subject was six years of age when his parents took up their residence in the Buckeye State, and he was reared to maturity in Jefferson county, remaining on the farm during his boyhood and early youth, and finally giving his time and attention to acquiring the trade of a blacksmith, but subsequently became a leading farmer and stockraiser. He was an active participant in the Black Hawk war and was a sturdy, loyal and honorable son of the Republic. In Holmes county where he finally settled and there passed the remainder of his days, he was united in marriage to Frances Elliott, a native of the famous old county of Donegal, Ireland, where she was born in 1819, being only a babe of six months when her parents, James and Hester (Stevenson) Elliott, emigrated from the Emerald Isle to America, settling in Holmes county. Here the Elliotts made their permanent home, the father being a stone mason by trade, but eventually engaging in farming. He was a man of literary tastes

and became one of the prominent and successful men in that section, where he was one of the early pioneers.

William and Frances (Elliott) Duncan consummated their marriage in Holmes county, and there passed the remainder of their days, being honored and prominent members of the community in which they lived for so many years. He was killed by a falling tree, in December, 1877, and the mother of our subject entered into eternal rest in 1891.

They were the parents of six sons and six daughters, ten of whom are now living. The names of the family are as follows: Thomas E. (the subject of this review), Jane Carr, Mary, Andrew, Eliza, Fannie, Heddington, James, William, John, Emma Chase, Elmira Bickle and George. Emma Chase and George are deceased.

The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the mother was particularly active in her devotions to the same. Andrew and James were soldiers in the late war of the Rebellion and the first named was severely wounded while in the service.

Thomas E. Duncan, the immediate subject of this biographical *resume* grew to manhood on the parental farmstead in Holmes county, attending the district schools and subsequently supplementing the knowledge thus acquired in a rudimentary way by a course of study in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware.

Within the time that he was pursuing his literary education he devoted himself to school teaching at irregular intervals, thus assisting in defraying the expenses of his own education.

After he left college he at once made ready to take up the line of professional study which should fit him for the practice of the law, entering the law office of Barcroft & Vorhees, a prominent law firm of Millersburg, Holmes county; he continued his reading assiduously and, in 1862, was admitted to the bar upon examination at Columbus.

Now thoroughly re-enforced in a theoretical way he at once proceeded to Cardington, Morrow county, where he proudly displayed his professional shingle and entered upon the active practice of his profession. His technical ability, facility in debate and his judicial acumen in counsel gained him a representative clientage, as his power became known, and there he remained until 1878, when he came to the official center of the county, Mt. Gilead, where he has ever since continued in the practice of his profession, and where he has risen to distinction as the result of the qualifications above noted, as well as the confidence begotten by the integrity of his character.

Politically he has always been an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and has ever been active in the support of its principles and its candidates.

He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Morrow county in 1868 and in 1870 was selected his own successor. In 1873 he was elected representative in the General Assembly of Ohio, and at the expiration of his term was chosen to succeed himself, having proved a capable and discriminating legislator, and one to whose keeping popular interests could be consigned without reference to party or political creeds.

Among other positions assigned him while in the Legislature, he was made chairman of the committee on the elective franchise. At this time, 1876, party feeling was at its highest tension, stimulated in part by the

doubts involved in the result of the presidential election of that year and the charges of fraud upon the ballot box, and believing that the law intended to secure the purity of the ballot was imperfect, and that the public peace and the interests of the State demanded more stringent election laws, he undertook, formulated and introduced into the Legislature, and, after a long and bitter contest, secured the passage of the first registration law in the history of the State. The wisdom of this legislation is shown by the fact that many of its provisions remain upon the statute books to-day. In 1882 our subject was appointed by Governor Foster, a member of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Penitentiary, a position which he held until 1884, when he was appointed by the Governor as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Thomas J. Kinney, deceased. He retained this incumbency for one year. In 1884 Judge Duncan was elected a delegate from the ninth Ohio Congressional district, as it was then composed, to the Republican National Convention, held in Chicago, and bore an honorable part in the proceedings of the convention, which resulted in the nomination of the Hon. James G. Blaine for President.

In 1893 he became the Republican nominee for the important office which he had previously held by special appointment and was duly elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the second sub-division of the sixth Judicial district, receiving a majority of 700 votes in a district which gave a Democratic majority of more than 1,800 the preceding year. This circumstance affords sufficient evidence of his popularity in a pronounced way, and of the confidence in which he is held by his neighbors and the voters of the district. The Judge has served the public in a more local way as a member of the Common Council of Mt. Gilead, and other local offices.

In all the public positions which Judge Duncan has been called upon to fill, he has at all times shown himself possessed of marked ability, and has discharged the duties of his various offices with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents.

In addition to the business of his profession and the cares of public life, he has found time to devote to commercial enterprises of considerable importance. He was for several years associated with the Duncan Brothers, hardware dealers, in Cardington, and was one of the organizers and principal stockholder in the Cardington Flouring Mill Company, and later on, in connection with Messrs. House & Dawson, built and equipped the Buckeye Flouring Mill, at Mt. Gilead, which enterprise has since been organized into a joint stock company, of which he is now one of the directors and principal stockholders.

Judge Duncan is now in the prime of his life, with abundant opportunities for usefulness, and is what you may call a busy man, with health, ambition and strength to carry forward successfully whatever he undertakes. With a keen sense of honor, social and genial, he never forgets a friend and many can testify to his generous magnanimity in helping them on in the world, and to his potent influence in the support of their cause.

At the breaking out of the late war he was connected with the United States Survey Service, in Colorado, where he had been allured by what proved to be extravagant stories of the rich gold find in that Territory. He had left his books and his

home in high expectation of becoming rich and enjoying in life whatever riches bring. Reaching Denver, then containing but a few log huts and adobes, he found to his dismay that he had undergone the hardships of a long journey of thousands of miles with ox teams, much of the way over a trackless prairie and desert plain, to find himself deceived and his fond hopes blasted. He could not well return, and having by this time some experience as a frontiersman, well educated, young and active, he applied for and obtained employment as above stated. In July, 1861, he received the first news of the war, and the officer in charge of the surveying party was ordered to report forthwith at Fort Leavenworth. Being again disappointed and out of employment in the western fastnesses of Colorado, nothing remained but to return, so turning his face eastward and with sturdy tread, he reached his home in Holmes county to find his old chums and the boys of his age in the army. So after recruiting his health and strength, now somewhat impaired by the hardships through which he had passed, he resumed the study of the law and the following year was admitted to the bar. The Judge says that this experience while a boy doubtless cured him of a roving disposition, which he suspects he had at that time.

Turning in conclusion to the domestic pages of Judge Duncan's history, we learn that on the 14th day of May, 1862, he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel, daughter of Major John and Sophia (Clark) Frew, the former of whom was a prominent dry-goods merchant at Coshocton, Ohio, for nearly a half a century; both parents are now deceased. Mrs. Duncan was born at Coshocton, in September, 1841, and was there reared and educated.

Judge and Mrs. Duncan became the parents of seven children, and of this number all are living save one. William F. married Elba Ireland and they have one child; he is a prominent young attorney of Findlay, this State. Seth C. has been admitted to practice law but is now engaged as a traveling salesmen. The other children are Carrie L., Josephine, Mary, Thomas A. and Bessie. Thomas A. met his death at Cardington, Ohio, falling into a cistern and being drowned, at the age of two and one-half years. Josephine is the wife of Wert A. Robinson, a dry-goods merchant of Goshen, Elkhart county, Indiana. All the children were afforded exceptional educational advantages. The attractive family home is located on Court street. Mrs. Duncan is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The family is a Methodist family.

JOHN NEWSON, who is one of the prominent pioneer residents and representative agriculturists of Gilead township, Morrow county, has lived on the farmstead which he now occupies since he was a boy of five years, and he has witnessed and assisted in its development from a sylvan wild to its present condition of high cultivation, has replaced the rude forest lodge by a modern and attractive residence, and has attained to marked success in a material way as the result of his own efforts. Such a life history is one which offers the most perfect justification for a work of this nature.

Our subject is a native of Washington county, Maryland, where he was born on the 2d day of March, 1820, the son of Abraham Newson, whose place of nativity

was the same county, where he grew to man's estate, coming to Morrow (then Marion) county, Ohio, in the year 1825, when this section was yet, for the most part given over to the virgin forests and the dominion of the Indians and the wild animals.

Abraham Newson located on the farm where his son, our subject, now lives, taking up his abode in a tent until he could complete his log cabin. He secured this tract of wild land from the Government, this tract being 160 acres, and the place has ever since remained in the possession of the family. He afterward purchased 640 acres of school land, and at the time of his death had 1,000 acres. He was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type, and religiously was a zealous adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a man of gigantic physical proportions, having weighed 448 pounds. His father, John Newson, was of Irish descent.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Lucy Friend, and she was born in Maryland, where she was reared. She died in the seventy-first year of her age. Her father, Jacob Friend, was of English extraction.

Abraham and Lucy Newson became the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in childhood, the others living to attain mature years, and seven of the number are living at the present time. Our subject was the second son, and was five years of age when his parents removed from their old home in the East and took up their abode in the Buckeye State. He grew up on the old homestead and received his educational discipline in the old log school-houses of the period,—the same having quaint and meagre equipments and accessories, the seats being rude slab benches, and heat being provided by means of a huge fire in the center of the room.

John Newson remained on his father's farm until January, 1847, when was consummated his marriage to Ruth Blakeley, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, where she was born April 14, 1822, the daughter of John Blakeley, who was also a native of the same county in the Old Dominion State, as was also his father, William Blakeley, who was of Irish descent. John Blakeley came to Belmont county, Ohio, and there lived for eleven years, after which he came to Morrow county, where he passed the residue of his life, passing away in his eighty-third year. His wife, *nèe* Jane Talbert, was born in Virginia, the daughter of Thomas Talbert, who was likewise born in that State. She died in her forty-second year. Mrs. Newson was the eldest of a family of eight children, comprising seven daughters and one son. She was but four years of age when her parents came to Ohio, and was fourteen when they took up their abode in Morrow county.

After his marriage our subject located on a part of the paternal homestead and gave himself assiduously to its improvement and cultivation. At that time the nearest point at which groceries could be secured was eighteen miles distant, and for dry-goods they were compelled to go to Mansfield,—a distance of twenty-three miles. All kinds of wild animals native to this section were still abundant, and it was impossible for the settlers to raise sheep, on account of the depredations of the wolves.

Mr. Newson's residence farm is distinctively one of the finest in this section of the State, comprising 214 acres. In addition to this place he has another farm of sixty acres, in Congress township. He devotes

his attention to general farming and to stock raising, and has ever been progressive and discriminating in his methods, avoiding old ruts and set habits and bringing to bear a mental function and business judgment in the operation of his fine farms.

Other interests of financial order are held by our subject: he is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Mt. Gilead, and in the Buckeye Milling Company, of the same place. He has accumulated a fine property as the result of his own well-directed efforts, and is honored as one of the successful men of the county and as one whose character is above reproach. In politics Mr. Newson is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party.

L. N. LAYMAN, proprietor of the tile works and saw mill of Center Village, Delaware county, also Trustee of Harlem township, was born in Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio, February 2, 1851, a son of Lewis and Mary (Frey) Layman, natives of Virginia. The father is deceased, and the mother now resides at Miller, Knox county.

L. N. Layman, one of nine children, four sons and five daughters, was reared on a farm, and received his education in the Knox county schools. In 1887 he became a partner in the ownership of the tile works and saw mill of this village. The factory is 22x200 feet, with a shed eighty feet in length, and is supplied with the latest improved machinery.

Mr. Layman was married at the age of twenty-two years, to Dorcus A. Harris, a native of Knox county, Ohio, and a daughter of Simon and Mary Harris. To this union has been born three children,—Delbert Sidney, Evert A. and Airl Lester. In his social relations, Mr. Layman is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 645.

G. W. MICHAEL, President of the National Pen Art Hall and Business College, Delaware, Ohio, was born in Cass county, Indiana, March 14, 1845, son of Peter and Christina (Freshour) Michael.

The Michael family trace their ancestry back to the Old Dominion, some members of the family having occupied prominent and influential positions in Virginia. Andrew Michael, an uncle of our subject, was born near Berkley Springs, Morgan county, Virginia, and served as State Senator. He was a Union man. Professor Michael's parents went from Virginia to Indiana in 1836, and established their home on a frontier farm. His venerable mother is still a resident of Indiana. His father died in that State in March, 1893, at the age of eighty-two years.

G. W. Michael is one of a family of thirteen children. His advantages for an education were very limited, the greater part of his youthful days being spent in farm work. Between the ages of seven and nineteen he attended school from six to eight weeks each winter. In 1863 he went to Chatfield, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand six months, and with the money thus earned defrayed his expenses through school the following winter. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war was mustered out of the service at St. Paul. He took part in the capture of Hood at Nashville. He was,

however, chiefly on detached service. At Franklin, Tennessee, he received a wound in the right arm.

After his return from the war, young Michael entered the Hughs Academy at Logansport, Indiana, with the view of teaching, and was a student there for six months. He then taught district school three terms. Feeling the need of a higher education, he next spent two years in Wittemberg College. After that he traveled and taught penmanship. In the meantime he studied law, and in 1879 was admitted to the bar in Indiana. During the ten years he spent in traveling he was in most of the States and over a part of Canada. At Valparaiso, Indiana, he established a business college, and conducted the same for two years, and came from there to Delaware, Ohio, in 1880.

In September, 1880, Professor Michael established the school of which he has since been the head, and which is one of the most successful commercial colleges in the United States. From its beginning it has had a steady growth, and it now has an average annual attendance of between 500 and 600 pupils.

Professor Michael was married in Jackson, Ohio, May 3, 1879, to Miss Ada C. Steruberger, and has three children, Herbert S., George Edward and Morris S. He and his wife and two sons are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Politically, the Professor is a Prohibitionist, and by his party has been nominated for Representative in Delaware county, Ohio. Fraternally, he is identified with the G. A. R. and the F. & A. M., he having attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry. Personally, he is a man of fine physique, six feet high, weighs 200 pounds, and has a becoming dignity of bearing.

WILLIAM F. DAVIS, D. V. S., who occupies a representative position in the ranks of that profession which has shown such marked advances within the past decade and which is held in high repute, has been a resident of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, since June 10, 1893, and has already gained prestige and built up a fine business by reason of his unmistakable professional ability and his fidelity to his work. He is a native of Chillicothe, Missouri, where he was born April 6, 1868, the son of Moses F. and Bettie (Roebuck) Davis, who were respectively of Welch and English extraction.

Our subject was but a small child when his mother died, and shortly after this sad event his father removed to Ohio and took up his residence at Washington Court House, where William was reared, his father being a professional trainer and driver of fast horses. Our subject received his literary education in the public schools at Jeffersonville, this State, continuing his studies until he attained the age of nineteen years, devoting a portion of his time to handling track horses, under the capable direction of his father. He then entered the veterinary department of the Ohio State University, where he passed one year, after which, in 1891, he went to New York city, where he matriculated at the American Veterinary College, completing the prescribed course and graduating with honors, March 24, 1893. He then returned to his home in this State and for a time traveled into various sections of the same in the practice of veterinary dentistry, in which line he is a most skilled operative. He finally came to Union county upon a visit, and being favorably impressed with the city of Marysville, determined to here establish himself in the practice of his

profession. This he did and has since been located here, where his services have come into ready demand and where he is building up a lucrative practice. He devotes special attention to dental work, but is thoroughly informed in all branches of the veterinary science.

He has always taken much interest in good horses, and has personally owned some very fine standard-bred individuals in the trotting and pacing field. He owns at the present time the pacing filly, Lady Hamlet, who is three years old and who made a race record of 2:24¼ in a race at Marysville, Ohio, September 28, 1894.

The Doctor is a member of the American Veterinary Association and of the Ohio State Veterinary Association. Fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic Order, being a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M.; with the Knights of Pythias, retaining a membership in Marysville Lodge, No. 100, and holding office in the same as Vice Chancellor, and with Marysville Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F.

Dr. Davis is a young man of pleasing address, is genial and courteous in bearing, and enjoys a marked popularity in the city which he has adopted as his home.

DR. HARRY D. JONES, one of the leading young dentists of Delaware, Ohio, is a native of Bridgeport, Belmont county, this State, born May 30, 1868. His parents, Robert and Mary (Davis) Jones, are now residents of Delaware.

Dr. Jones spent his early boyhood days as a student in the public schools of Bridgeport and Delaware. When he was fifteen he secured employment in a grocery store, and later, for some eighteen months, he clerked in the Delaware postoffice. On account of sickness he resigned the latter position. In 1885 he began the study of dentistry with Drs. Steves & Mitchell, and two years later he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated March 1, 1889. Immediately after his graduation he located in Delaware, at first, for a few months, being associated with Dr. C. G. Lewis. Then he entered into a partnership with Dr. A. M. Harrison, of Columbus, Ohio, having an office in both Columbus and Delaware, Dr. Jones taking charge of the latter. This partnership was dissolved in July, 1892, and from that time to the present he has been practicing alone. His parlors are located at 52½ North Sandusky street and he is doing a general practice. Ambitious and energetic and well equipped for his chosen profession, he has gained a prominent position among the business men of the city.

Dr. Jones is a stanch Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT B. KLOTZ, M. D., one of the able and enterprising young physicians and surgeons of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of the city of Allentown, on the 26th of October, 1871.

The parents of our subject, Jeremiah and Coraline (Seip) Klotz, were both of German lineage, but were natives of the old Keystone State, where their respective parents had taken up their abode in an early day. The mother died in 1887, and the father is at the present time residing in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Klotz was the keeper of a small hotel in the village of Guthsville, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and here our subject was reared, attending the public schools and assisting his father in the hotel during the vacations. In 1883 the family moved to Allentown, where Robert was enabled to continue his educational work in the public schools. Manifesting a desire to secure still further discipline in this line of preparation for the duties of life, he finally matriculated at the Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, where he completed the work of the freshman year, after which he made ready to take up the special work of preparation for the profession to which he had determined to devote himself. He accordingly entered the office of Dr. W. H. Hartzell, at Allentown, and after studying for some time under this able preceptor, he entered the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he completed the prescribed course, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1893.

Being thus thoroughly equipped in a theoretical way for the practice of his profession, Dr. Klotz established himself at Allentown, where he opened an office and remained until September, 1893, when he came to Columbus, Ohio, and took a special post-graduate course of lectures at Starling Medical College, incidentally assisting in the work at Mt. Carmel hospital, and acquiring most valuable experience in clinical and surgical work.

In the latter part of November, 1893, he came to Marysville, opened an office and began the practice of his profession. Recognition of his professional ability has not been denied, and he has already secured a representative patronage and is building up a very fine practice. The Doctor has marked ability, is enthusiastic in his work, a close and avidious student, and one destined to fill an important position, with the attainment of a high degree of incidental success. His office is located over Garrard's variety store, on the Square.

The Doctor is a member of the German Lutheran Church in Marysville. In his political adherency, he is identified with the Democratic party.

HON. RUFUS CARPENTER, ex-Probate Judge and prominent real-estate dealer, Delaware, Ohio, was born in Franklin county, this State, August 20, 1835.

His parents are Rodney C. and Ervilla (Tinkham) Carpenter, both natives of Vermont, who came to Ohio at an early day. Rodney C. Carpenter was a small boy when he landed in Franklin county with his parents, and here he has since resided, being now eighty-four years of age. His father, Moses Carpenter, also a native of the Green Mountain State, was of English descent and was a veteran of the war of 1812. Judge Carpenter's maternal grandfather, Isaac Tinkham, also dated his birth in Vermont. He was of English descent and by occupation was a farmer. It was in 1814 that he and his family settled in Ohio.

The subject of our sketch is the oldest of a family of seven children. He grew up in his native place, receiving his early education in the district schools and afterward attending the academy at Worthington. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age. Then for some time he worked out on farms by the month, receiving $13 per month the first year, and afterward $15. In

1859 his ambitious spirit led him to seek his fortune on the Pacific coast and in April of that year he landed in San Francisco, having made the journey from New York by the Vanderbilt line of steamers. His experience in California was not unlike that of many other young men of that period, prosperity and misfortune coming to him by turns. He was at first employed as shipping clerk for a mining company, buying gold dust, and later himself became a member of a company engaged in damming the American river. This enterprise proved a failure and in it he lost all he had. He then returned to his former employers and for a brief time was shipping clerk again. His next venture was in the dairy business, which was also unsuccessful, and after that, in company with others, he started a shingle mill, he furnishing the capital; but, although the mill was a success, it was destroyed by fire, and again he lost all he had. Then for two months he drove a 'bus in San Francisco, and with his earnings he purchased a half interest in a fruit and tobacco stand, his partner running the business while he returned to the mining company and again resumed his old place as shipping clerk. In September, 1863, he returned to New York and from there came to Ohio, where he has since remained. Upon his return home he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but on account of ill health was rejected.

March 13, 1864, Mr. Carpenter married Elizabeth Cornell, a native of New York, who came to Ohio when she was a child. After his marriage he located on the old farm near Worthington, where he remained two years, having poor health all this time. Then in 1866 he bought a small farm in Orange township, Delaware county, where he located. The following year he was elected Justice of the Peace by the Republican party, and for fifteen successive years filled that office. In the meantime he read law in the office of James E. Wright, of Worthington, and in 1881 he was elected Probate Judge. This office he held for six years. Upon the expiration of his term of service, he purchased a farm in Trenton township, which he still owns, and in May, 1890, he turned his attention to the real-estate business, having for his partner W. T. Watson. Mr. Watson was succeeded in 1891 by Rev. S. R. Squires, and in December of that same year Mr. Squires sold out to W. C. Nye. The firm is now Carpenter & Nye, and are doing a general real-estate, loan and insurance business.

Of Judge Carpenter's social life we record that he is a thirty-second degree Mason and has taken all the degrees in the I. O. O. F. He has also served as a representative to the Grand Encampment of the latter order. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and at this writing is President of the Board of Stewards of Asbury Church.

ELBERT CRANE, of Porter township, Delaware county, was born in Putnam county, New York, April 27, 1830. His father, Amza Crane, was born in Connecticut, a son of Zebulon Crane, a native of England, and a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject was formerly Adilla Hopkins, a native of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and a member of an old family of that place. In 1831 Mr. and Mrs. Amza Crane left New York for Bennington township, then Delaware county, but now Morrow county, where the

mother died. The father died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation, and was identified with the Democratic party. Mrs. Crane was a member of the Baptist Church. They were the parents of eight children, viz.: Mary Ann, Alson B., George W., Albacinda, Sarah, Zebulon, Elizabeth and Rebecca Jane. Two of the sons, Alson and George W., were soldiers in the late war, the former a member of an Illinois regiment, and the latter of a Michigan regiment. Two sons of George W. also took part in that struggle.

Elbert Crane, the subject of this sketch, received his education in a Quaker school at Hesper Mount, Ohio. He was afterward employed as a traveling salesman and collector for ten years. In 1857 he located on his farm of eighty-seven acres in Porter township, and also owns the William Iler farm, which consists of 136 acres. Both places are under a fine state of cultivation. In his political relations Mr. Crane is identified with the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the School Board for twenty-three consecutive years.

Our subject was married at the age of twenty-four years, to Miss Ellen B. Iler, a daughter of William and Jane G. (Gray) Iler. The father, formerly a prominent citizen of this county, is now deceased, and the mother resides with Mr. Crane. Mr. and Mrs. Iler had two daughters,—Ellen B. Crane and Mary E. Chase, of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Crane have seven children, viz.: Alwyn Melville Crane, a graduate of Columbus Medical College, is a physician of good standing in Marion, Ohio; Florence May, at home with her parents; Thurston W., a farmer; H. Clifton, a graduate of Starling Medical College, is located at Eden, Ohio; William I., Superintendent of the schools at Forgy, Ohio; Jennie Clare, a teacher in the A grammar room at Sparta, Ohio; and Nellie Marguerite, the youngest, who graduated at the Sparta high school at the age of fifteen, and is at home with her parents.

WILLIAM HOWARD.—A man who has lived from the hour of his nativity on the paternal homestead and who has waxed strong in mind and body until he has attained a position of unmistakable prominence among those to whom his life has been familiar, is assuredly deserving of mention in a work whose purport is the considering of the life histories of those who have made that section or locality their home. Such an one is William Howard, who was born on the farm which he now occupies October 20, 1839, the son of William and Nancy (McDonald) Howard, who were pioneers of Union township, Union county, Ohio, where they located on the farm where our subject now resides and reclaimed the same from nature's wilds. William Howard, Senior, was born in Hampton, Connecticut, June 18, 1802, son of William and Phœbe (Fuller) Howard. The father of our subject came to Ohio when a young man, and subsequently was united in marriage to Nancy McDonald, who was a native of Ross county, this State, and a daughter of Thomas and Charity (Teeters) McDonald. William Howard, Senior, and wife became the parents of three children. Those who lived to attain maturity were: Nathan, a prominent resident of Allen township, this county, concerning whom an individual sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Harriet, deceased, became the wife of Edward Mann, of this

county; and William, subject of this review. A more complete genealogical record of the Howard family may be found in connection with the sketch of Nathan Howard. The father of our subject died June 10, 1839, having been a successful farmer and stock-raiser, and a man of unblemished character. His widow survived him many years, her demise occurring at her home in Irwin Station in the year 1876, her age being sixty-eight years.

Our subject was reared on the farm where he now lives, and received his preliminary educational training in the district school, after which he entered Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and pursued a course of study. After leaving school he returned to the old homestead farm, and once more devoted his attention to those pursuits with which he had been familiar from his childhood days. The farm has ever since been his home, and to-day he owns 800 acres of the finest agricultural land in the county, his place being considered as a model one. The family residence is a frame structure of modern architecture, and is surrounded by handsome lawns dotted with magnificent shade trees. The barns and other outbuildings on the place give evidence of the care given to stock and to the storing of the products and machinery of the farm. The home is one in which there abides the unmistakable evidence of culture and refinement, there being innumerable signs of that effective touch and sympathy which can alone make a home worthy the name. The accessories about the place are of modern order, and show the proprietor to be progressive in his methods. There are three tenant houses on the farm, and these are used by the employes of our subject. The Howard homestead is a beautiful rural home, and the family are surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Howard has for a number of years been quite extensively engaged in stock-raising, in which line his efforts have been attended with pronounced success. He was one of the first in this section of the State to introduce the popular and profitable Shropshire sheep, to whose propagation he has devoted much care and attention.

Mr. Howard's marriage was celebrated on New Year's day, 1866, on which gladsome holiday he was united to Miss Lucy McMullen, a lady of much intelligence and refinement. She was born in La Fayette, Madison county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard are the parents of three sons and one daughter, namely: William F., born June 22, 1868, was married, October 2, 1891, to Venitia Garwood, and he now conducts a fine farm near Irwin Station, this county; John C., born July 13, 1870, is connected with a banking institution at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; Walter W., born October 24, 1872, is at home; and M. Ancie, born October 20, 1877, is a student at St. Mary's, of the Springs, near Columbus. All of the children have been afforded exceptional educational advantages, by which they have duly profited.

In his political proclivities Mr. Howard is strongly arrayed with the Republican party. As a man he is above reproach, is genial and sympathetic in nature, and enjoys a marked personal popularity.

CRAVEN W. JENKINS, who is one of the well known and representative farmers of Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, has passed nearly his entire life in the Buckeye

State and the greater portion in the locality where he now maintains his home. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, April 10, 1833, the son of George W. Jenkins, who was a native of the same county, where he was born August 13, 1805, being there reared to maturity on the homestead farm of his father, Thomas Jenkins, whose place of nativity was in the same county of the Old Dominion State, the family being of Scotch lineage and of long residence in Virginia. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Eda I. Howell, and she was born in Virginia and there reared to mature years, being the daughter of Jesse and Hannah (James) Howell, the former of whom was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, and the latter in Loudoun county.

The parents of the subject of this review were married in Loudoun county and after this event they settled on a farm in the same county and there remained for a period of five years, after which they came, in 1838, to Knox county, Ohio, locating on a rented farm in Clinton township and there abiding for some two years, after which the father effected the purchase of town property in Fredericktown and took up his residence there. Subsequently he rented a farm in Chester township, Knox (now Morrow) county, and here the family remained about three years, when the father purchased a tract of wild land in Cardington township and settled thereon. The only improvements on the place comprised a log house and a barn of similar construction. He eventually built a good house and barn, thoroughly improved the farm and there remained until the hour of his death, in his sixty-first year, his death resulting from an accident in which he was kicked by a vicious horse. He was one of the early settlers of the township and was well known in the county. In politics he was originally a Whig, but in later years he lent his influence and support to the Democratic party. The mother passed away in her fifty-eighth year.

Craven W. Jenkins, the immediate subject of this review, was the only child of his parents and was five years of age when they emigrated from Virginia to Knox county, Ohio, and about seven when they came to Chester township. His preliminary educational training was such as was afforded in the log school-houses of the county, and he also attended the pioneer schools in Cardington township, the buildings being rude structures of logs, with slab benches, puncheon floors and cavernous fireplaces.

He remained at the parental home until he assumed the responsibilities of life for himself, in 1855, when he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Hamutal Jackson, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of George and Polly (Hobbs) Jackson, who were among the early settlers in Knox county, Ohio. After marriage our subject located on his father's farm in Cardington township, having been presented with twenty acres of land by his sire. He remained on the homestead until he purchased his present farm. At one time he was the owner of 150 acres, but of this total he has given his son eighty acres, presenting him with forty acres at one Christmas-tide and another forty as another Christmas offering, having also sold ten acres to his son. His present farm, which is under a most effective system of cultivation, comprises sixty acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have had two children: George W. and Martha Ellen, who died at the age of two years. George W., who was born in this township, and here reared to maturity, married Cora A.

Curl, a daughter of Henry W. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Curl, and a native of the same township as her husband. They have one daughter, Loti Iva, and they reside upon the eighty-acre farm presented by the subject of this sketch. George W. is one of the progressive and popular farmers of the county, and is a Republican in politics.

Politically our subject supports the Populist party, and in religious views he is a Universalist. He stands high in the estimation of his neighbors, is a stanch and upright citizen, and has passed through all the vicissitudes of pioneer life, enduring its hardships and partaking of its robust enjoyments.

MARTIN BENEDICT, one of the representative farmers of Peru township, Morrow county, Ohio, is a native of the old Empire State, having been born in Clinton county, New York, June 12, 1807. Though now attained of venerable age, our subject stands somewhat as an oracle in regard to the pioneer history of Ohio, where he has maintained his abode since the early part of the present century.

His father, Reuben Benedict, was also a native of New York, and was the son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Knowles) Benedict, who were natives of Connecticut. Aaron Benedict came to that part of Delaware county which is now included in the present county of Morrow, in 1812, and at that early period there were but three families living in Peru township, where he took up his residence. He was the first white person to be buried in the township, and the subject of this review is the only individual now living in the township that was present at said burial.

Reuben Benedict married Anna Stevens, who was a native of the State of New York, having been born near New Milford and having been the twin sister of Aden Stevens. Her parents were born in New York, and the family was long one of prominence in that State. The parents of our subject were married in their native State and there they continued to reside for a number of years, coming to what is now Morrow county, Ohio, in 1812, in company with a party of about sixty-seven people. They located in the woods of Peru township, taking up their abode in one of the little log cabins which figured as the domiciles of all these hardy and courageous pioneer settlers. They developed a fine farm and lived to enjoy the fruits of their labor, the father dying at the age of eighty-six years and the mother at the age of eighty-three.

Reuben and Anna (Stevens) Benedict became the parents of twelve children, namely: Phoebe, Adin, Polly, John, Ira, Elisha (who died in New York prior to the removal of the family to Ohio), Ezra, Martin, Lucy, George, Annis, and Lucy (second). Of this number only two are living at the present time,—the subject of this review and George, who is a resident of Ida county, Iowa.

Martin Benedict was the seventh in order of the children and was but five years of age when his parents left their Eastern home to become pioneers in the Buckeye State. His educational advantages were such as were afforded in the primitive log school-houses of the place and period, and early in life he became inured to the work incidental to clearing and improving the pioneer farm.

In 1827 he was united in marriage to Jane Brown, who was a native of Morrow

county. She became the mother of four children: Artemas, Rudolph, Almon and Sophronia, and at the time of her death, in 1838, the youngest child was but two years of age. In 1839 Mr. Benedict was united in marriage to Hannah Watters, who was born in Pennsylvania, but who came with her parents to Ohio when a child of four years. She died in 1890, leaving two children: Richard and Adin.

Our subject has devoted his attention to general farming from his youth up, and by industry and good management has accumulated a fine property. He started in life with nothing in the way of financial resources, and the success attained has been the direct result of his own efforts. He has provided for his children with greater solicitude than does the average father, having given each of them a good home. He retains in his own home place 150 acres of as fine land as can be found in this section of the State. He had personally cleared up and improved a farm, but subsequently traded the same for the one he now owns.

In politics Mr. Benedict is a stanch Republican, and in religion has been for many years prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his declining years he retains that honor and good will of his fellowmen that is due him after his long years of endeavor and right living.

DR. GEORGE GRANGER, deceased.—It is eminently fitting that in this connection we incorporate a memoir of the life of one who held a position of distinctive prominence in Morrow county, Ohio, and one who contributed much to the social and substantial advancement of Westfield township.

George Granger was born in the State of Vermont, July 10, 1814, and when a young man he came to Ohio, entering the Medical Institute at Worthington, where he remained until he had secured the coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine, graduating at the institution named in 1837. In the same year he located in Westfield township, Delaware (now Morrow) county, taking up his abode on the same place where his widow now retains her home.

Here he engaged in the practice of his profession, receiving a representative support, and gaining the confidence and affection of the people of the community. He was a man of much force of character, and was alert and progressive in his methods. Thus it came about that, in addition to his professional work, he became connected with other business enterprises. He carried on his farming industry, and was also engaged in the mercantile business at Westfield, being associated in the latter with Adam Wolf. Professionally he was in partnership for some time with Dr. E. Luellen, to whom he acted as preceptor.

Dr. Granger was a man whom the people delighted to honor, and such was the confidence reposed in him that he was frequently urged to accept official preferment. He was elected County Treasurer in 1859, and was the incumbent in the office at the time of his death, which occurred June 15, 1860. Fraternally he was prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and had passed several of the chairs in the same. He also held office in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a devoted adherent.

January 16, 1840, Dr. Granger was

united in marriage to Miss Mary Bishop, who was born in Oxford township, Delaware county, Ohio. She died in 1846, leaving one son, Wilbert, who is now a resident of the city of Delaware, this State. Our subject consummated a second marriage March 17, 1847, when he wedded Miss Adah Carpenter, who survives him. She was born at Galena, Delaware county, this State, January 15, 1824, the daughter of Lyman Carpenter, a native of Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio with his parents when a small boy, his father having been Gilbert Carpenter, who was likewise a native of the old Keystone State, and who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Gilbert Carpenter was one of the earliest pioneer settlers in Delaware county, locating near the present hamlet of Berkshire, where he took up Government land, clearing and improving the same, and there remaining for the residue of his days. The maiden name of Mrs. Granger's mother was Nancy Lewis, and she was a native of Pennsylvania, whence she came to Ohio with her parents when a child. Her father, Robert Lewis, was a native of Wales, and when a young man he emigrated to America and located in Delaware county, Ohio. Mrs. Granger's parents were reared in Delaware county, and after their marriage they continued their residence in the same, locating in Westfield township, which now comprises a portion of Morrow county. The mother died at the age of sixty-four years, and the father at the age of eighty-seven, both having lived to see the forest wilds displaced by cultivated fields and modern improvements.

Lyman and Nancy Carpenter became the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Adah, who is the widow of the subject of this memoir; Chester E., deceased; Robert L., of Delaware, Ohio; Lois Ann, deceased; Catharine, wife of D. D. Smith, of Waldo, Ohio; Gilbert, a resident of Delaware county; Henry, Jerome, and Bennett, all of whom are deceased; and Lafayette, a resident of Westfield township, Morrow county.

Mrs. Granger was reared in Westfield township, and here received her educational training. By her marriage to Dr. Granger she became the mother of three children: Solon, born March 10, 1851, was married November 16, 1873, to Miss Lin Durkee, who was born in this township, February 14, 1855, the daughter of A. J. and M. R. Durkee, the former of whom was a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Pennsylvania; Solon and Lin Granger are the parents of four children: George A., Emma A., Mamie R., and Griffith S.; Mrs. Granger's second child, Mary, is the wife of Daniel D. Booher, of Mount Gilead, this county, and is the mother of six children: Raymond G., Edna D., Adah A., Emma C., Herbert S., and Helen J.; the third child, Emma N., was the wife of Albert Bishop. She died August 30, 1879.

Upon the death of her honored husband, in 1860, Mrs. Granger assumed full charge of the homestead farm of 220 acres, and conducted the business successfully until the coming of age of her children, fortifying herself to meet the emergency, and proving a discerning and capable business woman. Upon her also devolved the care of her children, all of whom she reared and educated, while performing a similar and equally devoted duty to Wilbert, her husband's son by the previous marriage. Mrs. Granger is a woman of the noble type, and her strength has been as her days. Not alone for her marked ability, but for her sterling attrib-

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utes of character, has she been honored and cherished by a large circle of devoted friends.

NATHAN HOWARD, whose life history now comes under consideration, stands conspicuously forward as one of the most extensive farmers and one of the most prominent in Union county, Ohio, where he has passed his entire life, and where he has attained to a notable degree of success in a material way. The history of the Howard family, and its intimate identification with this section of the Buckeye commonwealth, traces back to the early pioneer days when the hardy settlers came and builded their rude domiciles, grappled with the giants of the forest, and from the sylvan woods evolved the fertile and productive fields that now characterize the State. The red man, in his motley garb, stalked about through the dim, woody avenues, and the wild beasts disputed his dominion. To establish a home amid such surroundings, and to cope with the many privations and hardships which were the inevitable concomitants, demanded an invincible courage and fortitude, strong hearts and willing hands. All these were characteristic of the pioneers, whose names and deeds should be held in perpetual reverence by those who now enjoy the fruits of their toil.

The landed estate of our subject comprises 1,800 acres, located principally in Allen and Union townships, this county. The home farm, or as it has been most appropriately termed, "Indian Field Farm," is unexcelled by any in the county, situated as it is, on the rich bottom lands contiguous to Darby creek. Indeed, its surpassing fertility can scarcely be doubted when we recall the fact that these bottoms were selected by the Indian squaws, more than a century ago, as the most available locality for their primitive cultivation of corn. The magnificent farmstead came into possession of Mr. Howard in 1866. In 1860 he commenced farming on 283 acres, residing in a double log cabin, which is still standing. Six years later, as already noted, he effected the purchase of the present homestead, buying the same of Moses Coe, at the rate of $90 per acre. He continued his abode in a frame dwelling on this farm until 1876, when he erected his present substantial residence, which is of modern and attractive architectural design, and which is unmistakably one of the most elegant farm-houses in the State, its interior appointments being consonant with the beauty of architectural structure. The residence is eligibly located as to site, with sweeping lawns and grateful shade. The farm has barns, sheds and other outbuildings for the accommodation of stock, machinery and hay; wide-stretching meadows of timothy and clover; large cornfields that are now made productive by the expenditure of large sums of money for the putting in of both open and tile ditches; wood lots that are yet dotted with patriarchal oaks and stately elms, and furrowed lowlands that bespeak the bountiful harvests gathered in their time,—the whole constituting a symmetrical and attractive homestead which tells of prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Howard was born on the old homestead farm, in Union township, this county, September 21, 1831, the son of William and Nancy (McDonald) Howard. William Howard was born in Connecticut, June 18, 1802, and the records of the family trace the lineage back to the first English ances-

tor who took up his abode in the New World. The father of William Howard was John Howard, who was a resident of Ipswich, Massachusetts, as was also she who became his wife, Sarah Bennett, their marriage being consummated in Hampden county, that State, June 8, 1740. John Howard was a son of John and Mary (Martin) Howard, the former of whom was a son of William, who was a son of Thomas Howard, who came from England to Massachnsetts in 1600, when but a boy in his 'teens. The mother of our subject, *née* Nancy McDonald, came of a family prominent in the early history of Ohio, her place of nativity being Ross county, this State. Her parents removed to Union county when she was but three years of age.

The date of the settling of the parents of our subject in Union township, this county, is chronicled as 1830, and they took up their abode on a tract of wild land, which is still retained in the family. The father gave his attention to the improvement of this old homestead until his death, in 1839. The bereaved widow was left with three young children, and upon her shoulders was placed the additional burden of lifting the considerable balance of indebtedness upon the farm of 500 acres, 200 acres of which remained unpaid for. She bravely fortified herself for the task in hand, proved most capable as a business woman, and in due time, with the assistance of her sons, paid the entire indebtedness and brought the farm to a high state of cultivation. She lived to see her three children grown to maturity and well settled in life, her death occurring in 1876. She was a woman of noble character, devoted to her family, and loved and esteemed by all to whom came an appreciation of her sterling worth. Nathan, who is the immediate subject of this review, was the eldest of the children; Harriet became the wife of Edward Mann, of Madison county, and her death occurred in 1861; William is a successful farmer and resides on the old homestead in Union township.

Our subject grew up amid the plain environment and manifold duties of the farm, and, as the oldest child, upon him devolved much of the care and responsibility, which he willingly shared with his widowed mother. As educational facilities were meagre at that time, and as there came to him the higher duty of assisting in the maintenance of the family, his scholastic discipline was not of comprehensive scope. He was enabled to attend the district schools in a desultory way, but as his mind was receptive and his native ability marked, he secured by absorption and assimilation a good, practical education in connection with his daily toil, becoming a man of broad intellectual grasp and of comprehensive information concerning men and affairs. As has already been stated, Mr. Howard took up his residence on his present fine farm in 1860, since which time he has devoted himself assiduously to its cultivation, the place now comprising 1,400 acres. In connection with general farming he has given special attention to the breeding of Norman horses, Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep, and to general stock-raising, being one of the most extensive operators in this line that this section of the State can boast. In later years he has given much attention to raising and feeding cattle, hogs and sheep for market. Mr. Howard also owns 1,800 acres of rich land in Bourbon county, Kansas, having purchased this valuable tract in 1883.

In his political adherency our subject is a Republican and has been an active worker

in the party ranks. He has served two terms as County Commissioner, and by reason of his peculiar eligibility and business sagacity, he was chosen to represent his county in this important capacity at the time the fine new court-house of the county was being erected. He was a member of the Union County Board of Agriculture for a full decade, and for two years held preferment as vice-president of the same. He has been president of the Marysville Bank since its reorganization. In his bearing Mr. Howard is genial, frank and courteous, and he is held in high esteem both by reason of his business ability and his unswerving rectitude of character.

The marriage of Mr. Howard was solemnized September 21, 1859, when he was united to Miss Helen M. Hathaway, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Hopkins) Hathaway, prominent residents of the county. Mr. Hathaway was a son of the late Dr. Nicholas Hathaway, who was one of the first judges of the court of common pleas in Union county, and a man of conspicuous ability. Mr. and Mrs. Howard became the parents of four children, one of whom, Hattie, died in childhood. Those living are: Charles M., who has charge of his father's farm in Bourbon county, Kansas, where he is recognized as a prominent stock-man; he married Lucy Reichenker and has three children, Helen, Nathan and Nelson; Cony, the second child, is associated with his father in conducting the home farm; and Otto N., who married Miss Euna Smith and is now a resident of Champaign county, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Howard also adopted a daughter at the age of three years,—Emma Maude,—who is now a young lady of marked intelligence and refinement and devoted to her foster father, to whom she gives a true filial affection.

The greatest loss and bereavement of our subject's life was that which came to him in June, 1892, when his devoted wife, who had been his constant companion for thirty-three years and had shared in his joys, his sorrows and his trials, was summoned into eternal rest. To him remains the consolation of having known and appreciated her true and beautiful life, whose tender grace will lend a radiance to all his future days as it has the many years when the cherished object of his love was with him in visible presence. In such an instance can we most thoroughly realize that death has lost its poignant sting, for the life of finite love merges into the realm of infinite love.

T F. GORDON, who occupies distinctive preferment as Sheriff of Morrow county, and who is one of the well-known and popular citizens of the thriving little city of Mount Gilead, which represents the county's official center, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Perry county, June 8, 1852.

His father, Israel Gordon, is a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he was born September 10, 1818, his father having been a farmer. At the age of fourteen years he started forth to carve out a career for himself, courageously assuming the responsibility of his own maintenance. He left his native State then, in 1832, and made his way to Ohio, being entirely alone in thus sallying forth into the world. Reaching McCuneville, Perry county, he there secured a position in the salt works; remaining in that place a couple of years; the rest of the time until his marriage was spent working as a farm hand in the neighborhood. Soon

after marriage he bought a farm (and moved on) where the town of Shawnee, Perry county, now stands. He lived there until 1871, when he removed to Morrow county, and located on a farm in Harmony township, where he has ever since continued to abide, being one of the successful and honored farmers of that locality. In politics he has given his influence and support to the Republican party for many years, having identified himself with that organization in ante-bellum days. Religiously he is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

The Gordon family is of Scotch extraction, and the American originators of the line were three brothers, who came here from Holland in an early day. The paternal grandfather of our subject was George Gordon, who was born in Maryland, and whose death occurred in 1830.

Israel Gordon married Susan Irvin, who was born in Fairfield county, this State, but who accompanied her parents to Perry county while she was still a child. Her father, Andrew Irvin, was a native of the Old Dominion State, having been born in Rockingham county. He was one of the prominent early settlers in Ohio, and his marriage was consummated in Washington county, this State. His father was of Irish descent.

Israel and Susan (Irvin) Gordon became the parents of seven children, namely: Andrew J.; George W.; Margaret; Harriet, who died in 1862; Thomas F.; Robert S., and Charles W.

Thomas F. Gordon, the immediate subject of this review, was reared in Perry county, attending the district schools and supplementing this instruction by a course in the public schools of Chesterville, Morrow county. He accompanied his parents to this county in 1871, and was engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1893, when he was elected to the responsible office of Sheriff of the county, on the Republican ticket. He is still the incumbent in this office, having been renominated and re-elected in 1894,—a fact that offers sufficient voucher for his ability as an executive, and evidence that his dispensation is one that has given satisfaction to the public, in whose gift the preferment has been retained.

Politically, Mr. Gordon has lent an active support to his party, and has wielded a marked influence in the directing of local affairs. Fraternally, he is identified with Chester Lodge, No. 204, I. O. O. F., and with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias.

Our subject is unmarried. He is a man of genial nature and sympathetic and generous impulses, and enjoys not only the respect of the people, but a distinctive popularity, his friends being in number as his acquaintances.

ABRAHAM B. NEWSON, a farmer residing three miles north of Edison, Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, was born on his father's farm adjoining Mount Gilead, Ohio, February 16, 1832, being the eighth of twelve children born to Abraham and Lucy (Friend) Newson. He was reared at the old home, which his father located near Mount Gilead in the year 1825, at that time in the dense forest, being a very thickly timbered country, receiving his education in the old round school-house at Mount Gilead, and the adjoining district schools. He remained at the home of his father until

twenty-five years of age. In February, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Phebe Ann Hull, who was born near Chesterville, Morrow county, Ohio, in the year 1833. She was the daughter of Mahlon Hull, and a sister of Benjamin Hull, whose sketch appears in this work. After his marriage, Mr. Newson lived on the farm of Benjamin Hull, near Edison, four years, and in 1861 removed to the farm which he now owns, situated three miles north of Edison, on what is called the Boundary road. In 1883 he built a residence, which he and his family very much enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Newson have had four children, namely: Georgianna Marie, now Mrs. W. F. Blayney, who has one daughter, Jessie; Charles William, who died when three and a half years of age; Laura Alice, wife of William Brockelsby, to whom four children have been born,—Robert Abraham, Anna Mary, Maggie Ellen, and William Faris; and Elery A., now in his twentieth year and living at home. Mr. Newson and wife are very fortunate in having all their children living near them, which is a great pleasure to them and makes them think this life almost too short.

In religion they are followers of Christ, members of the Boundary Methodist Episcopal Church, situated near their home, in which they take great interest.

ARTHUR H. JONES, one of the most prominent and wealthy farmers of Troy township, Delaware county, Ohio, was born in Pickaway county, this State, September 22, 1854, but has lived in Delaware county ever since he was eighteen months old, he having been brought here at that time by his parents. He is a son of Judge Thomas C. Jones, deceased, who was born in Wales and who was for many years one of the leading men of this county.

Arthur H. was reared a farmer boy. After attending the district schools for some years he took a course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, and when he was twenty he engaged in farming in partnership with his father. His early training, together with his natural business ability and his energy and enterprise, have won for him the prosperity he now enjoys. He has between 500 and 600 acres of land and is regarded as one of the largest land-holders in Troy township. This land is devoted to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Jones has given much time and attention to advancing the interests of dealers in fine stock. He is a director of the American Short-horn Cattle Society, with headquarters at Chicago; and a life member of the British Society, with headquarters at London, England. He is also a director of the Delaware County National Bank. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he is a member of the Grange.

Mr. Jones was married in February, 1878, to Clara J. Phelps, a native of Westerville, Franklin county, Ohio. They have four children: Thomas A., Alice C., Florence F. and Gwen.

A. P. LINCOLN, proprietor of Oak Lawn Farm, one of the finest rural demesnes lying in this section of the Buckeye State, resides in Rush township, Champaign county, but inasmuch as his farm extends into Union county, and in that he maintains a lively interest in the latter, there is signal consistency in accord-

ing space in this connection to a brief history of his life. He is one of the most prominent and successful farmers of this section and is well known throughout both Union and Champaign counties.

Mr. Lincoln was born in Rush township, Champaign county, April 27, 1844, a son of the late Charles Lincoln, who was one of the representative farmers in this part of Ohio, and one who acquired a State reputation by reason of his extensive operations in the breeding of Short-horn cattle. He was distinctively a self-made man, in character was above reproach, and he attained to a goodly measure of financial success as the result of his honorable and well directed efforts. She who became his wife was Allura Johnson, who is now deceased. Our subject was the fourth in order of birth of the ten children of his parents and was the second son. He was reared on the old homestead, or "Loam Land Farm," as the place was familiarly known far and near, the same being one of the most extensive and most valuable farmsteads in Champaign county, and comprising 1,100 acres.

Thus it came naturally that the subject of this review, C. P. Lincoln, grew up amid the manifold duties of a large farm, assisting in the work and becoming familiar with the approved and progressive methods upon which his father conducted the magnificent rural enterprise. His preliminary education was secured in district schools and has been most effectually supplemented by the wide experience which has been his in later years.

Leal and loyal to the land of his nativity he proved in no wise reluctant to go forth in its defense when plunged in a desperate fratricidal conflict, but, in 1864, he enlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving in the rank and file for a period of four months, after which he received an honorable discharge from the service.

Mr. Lincoln took up his residence on his present farm in December, 1868, the place comprising 535 acres of the rich alluvial bottom lands of Big Darby creek, which have been held in the highest estimation for their productiveness since the early days when the Indian squaws utilized the grounds for the cultivation of their little crops of corn. The family residence is a fine frame structure of modern architectural design, erected at a cost of $5,000, and supplied with wide verandas, bow windows, and other accessories which add charm to a home. The house is eligibly located in the midst of a park of grank old forest oaks, being located some distance from the road and standing forth as one of the most attractive rural homes in this section of the State.

Our subject is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, in connection with his general farming, devoting particular attention to the breeding of Short-horn cattle, horses, sheep and swine.

January 30, 1868, Mr. Lincoln was united in marriage to Miss Octavia Inskeep, a lady of gentle refinement and culture, and formerly a successful and popular teacher. She was born in Allen township, Union county, the daughter of William and Keturah (Warner) Inskeep, both of whom are now deceased. The father was born in Logan county, but purchased a farm in Union county and lived there the most of his life, and the mother, who was born in Logan county, died in Union county. They had eight daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln have two children, namely: Warren G., of Rush township, Champaign county, married Miss Rena Dix

and they have one daughter, Helen; Charles B., the second son, still remains at the paternal home.

In politics our subject votes with the Republican party, but has never sought political office of any sort. In bearing he is genial and courteous, in character he shows an innate strength of convictions, and is never loath to defend his position and tenets; in person he is erect and virile, and would never give the impression that an half century had marked the number of his years. Mr. Lincoln is wide-awake and progressive, public spirited to a degree, a successful business man, and an honored and popular citizen.

H. W. PORTER is one of the leading agriculturists and representative citizens of Union township, Union county, Ohio, where his entire life has been passed and where his parents were honored pioneer settlers. He was born on the farm upon which he now resides, in 1841, was the son of William and Hannah (Snodgrass) Porter, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania in 1803, the son of John Porter, who was a prominent resident of Erie county, that State, which was that of his nativity also, the family being of stanch old Irish stock. John Porter was an active participant in the war of 1812, taking part in the battle on Lake Erie.

William Porter, father of our subject, was one of the early settlers in Union county, and here, in 1827, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Hannah Snodgrass, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert Snodgrass, who was of German lineage. William Porter was an active, intelligent and progressive man, as is shown by the fact that he was one of the first to engage in the manufacturing of brick in this county, operating a kiln in the vicinity of the present village of Milford Center, when the district was hardly yet reclaimed from the wilderness. He purchased a tract of heavily timbered land, and from the same developed the well cultivated farm which is a part of our subject's landed estate at the present time. He engaged largely in the manufacture of maple sugar, operating his "bush" for sixty-three years. It is interesting to note the fact that this line of enterprise is still carried forward by his son, who derives a portion of his supplies from the same trees which the father utilized for the purpose many years ago. Mrs. Porter died in the year which represented the centennial anniversary of our national independence, having attained the venerable age of eighty-three years, while the father of our subject lived to reach the age of eighty-six years, his death occurring in 1889. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of seven children, of whom we offer the following record: Sabra Jane is deceased; George C. is deceased; Quincy was a soldier in the late war, and is now deceased; H. W. is the immediate subject of this review; Elizabeth G., deceased; Salina, wife of Norton Reed; and Alvin, deceased.

H. W. Porter was reared to farm life on the old homestead, receiving such educational advantages as the district afforded, and applying himself avidiously to reading and study at home. This discipline, with that which his years of experience in practical affairs have given him, has resulted in making him an intelligent and well in-

formed man, and one whose judgment is discriminating and conceptions broad. He has a fine farm of 128 acres, which is under a high state of cultivation, and provided with substantial improvements in the way of a good house and a barn 28 x 40 feet in dimensions, with all essential equipments in the line of outbuildings.

Mr. Porter is a genial and a progressive citizen and a man honored for his integrity of purpose and his upright life.

CAPT. LUDWELL M. CUNARD. —It is with distinctive satisfaction that the biographist directs attention to the life history of him whose name initiates this review, for not only is the record of personal worth and accomplishment such as bears its lesson, but in the tracing of his ancestral history there issue many points of interest,—a narrative that tells of honest and industrious sons of the American republic, that gives intimation of the deeds of loyal men who gave themselves to the defending of their country in time of warfare, and that speaks of the incidental conquests which have been gained in the "piping times of peace."

The father of our subject, Judge Stephen T. Cunard, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 3, 1803. He grew to manhood in his native county, receiving a somewhat limited education; he worked at the carpenter's trade in his early life. He was a son of Edward and Edith (Thacher) Cunard, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion State, the former of whom was a Lieutenant in the war of 1812, in which service he offered up his life. He witnessed the entrance of the British troops into the national capital, and was an observer of their impious depredations. He had been a civil engineer. Edward Cunard was the son of Edward, Sr., who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. The family traces its origin back to the Hirsts, of Yorkshire, England, the first representatives of that line having settled in the American colonies as early as 1680, and the original of the branch to which our subject traces his lineage having located near Baltimore, Maryland.

The mother of Ludwell M. Cunard was Vashti B. (James) Cunard, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1805, the daughter of David and Charlotte (Bradfield) James, who left the Old Dominion and became pioneers of the State of Ohio, whither they came at a very early period. Stephen T. Cunard and Vashti B. James were married, in their native State, November 26, 1826, and in 1835 they came to Ohio and settled in the woods of Lincoln township, in that part of Delaware county which was later made a part of the present county of Morrow. At that time the section was an almost unbroken forest, with here and there the rude cabin of a hardy and courageous settler. In 1836 there were twenty-eight votes cast at the general election in Lincoln township, and Judge Cunard was one of that number. At the time of his death, in 1881, there were just three of this original number of voters still living, and the last survivor was gathered to his fathers in 1891, namely Christian Stovenour.

When Stephen T. Cunard started out from his native State on the eventful journey to the frontier forests of Ohio, he brought with him his wife and two children, and all their earthly possessions. The means of transportation employed was an old-fashioned carryall, in which the devoted

wife rode in state, with her infant son (the subject of this sketch) on her lap, and his sister, who was somewhat his senior, by her side. This sister is still living, the widow of the late Orman Kingman, of Lincoln township, and to her specific reference is made elsewhere in this volume. In this primitive equipage the little family was transported from Loudoun county, Virginia, to their destination in this county, their route being along the line of the old national turnpike road as far as Wheeling, West Virginia. The entire financial resources of the family were summed up in $50., which the devoted wife and mother carried in her pocket, the father having walked the entire distance and cared for his dear ones with utmost solicitude.

Reaching their destination the father prepared a habitation for the family, erecting a little log cabin, 16 x 20 feet in dimensions, at a point five miles south of the present flourishing town of Mt. Gilead, which place was named by Daniel James, an uncle of the mother of the subject of this sketch. The father secured 100 acres of wild land and at once essayed the task of clearing and improving the same. This he did in time, and as he was careful, methodical and a good manager, success attended his efforts, and he became one of the prominent and substantial farmers of the section. He was originally a Whig in politics, but upon the organizatfon of the Republican party he gave to it his support, taking an active interest in the work of the local organization and keeping in close touch with the issues of the day.

At the time Morrow county was organized, in 1848, he was appointed Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, under the old constitution, and later on he was a member of the State Board of Equalization for the senatorial district comprising the counties of Knox and Morrow. During the progress of the late civil war he maintained an earnest interest in the Union cause, and lent effective aid in many ways. The death of our subject's mother occurred May 6, 1871, and that of the revered father March 3, 1881.

Stephen T. Cunard and wife became the parents of four sons and two daughters, of whom we offer the following brief record: Mary C. is the relict of the late Orman Kingman, of Lincoln township, whose memoir appears on another page; Ludwell M., subject of this review; Henry E., deceased; Thomas C. married Hannah Wiseman, and resides near Fulton, this county; Alexander H. is deceased; Amanda E. is the deceased wife of Dr. A. E. Westbrook, of Ashley, Delaware county, and was the mother of three children. The mother of our subject was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father stood high in the fraternal order of Masonry, and his influence was always on the side of morality and true Christianity. He was a man of noble impulses, a true patriot, an indulgent father and a kind husband. All of his sons were soldiers in the late civil war. Our subject and Alexander were members of the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and the latter suffered an extreme exposure at the battle of Stone River. From the effects of this exposure the dread disease of pulmonary consumption was superinduced, and as a result of this malady he died, in 1886, leaving a wife and two children. Henry E. was Captain of Company I, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862. Thomas C., was a

member of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Ludwell M. Cunard, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, December 31, 1834, and was an infant when his parents came to Ohio. His educational discipline was gained in the primitive log school house, which nestled in the beech forests of Lincoln township, this county. He remained on the paternal homestead until he attained his majority, lending a willing hand to the clearing and improving of the farm.

December 6, 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Rose, daugbter of James and Nancy (Gordon) Rose, both of whom were natives of Perry county, Ohio, in which county they were married in 1832. They settled near Fremont, Sandusky county (then Lower Sandusky), in the "Black Swamps," now the finest part of the State. Here they developed a good farm. In 1853 they removed to Lincoln township, this county, and settled on a farm, which Mr. Rose subsequently sold and then retired from active business, taking up his abode in Cardington, this county, where he died January 17, 1890, his widow passing away on the 13th of the following February. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom we make mention as follows: David Calvin Rose, was Captain of Company E, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died December 26, 1861, while on duty with his company, leaving a widow and two children, all of whom are now deceased; James M., was a member of the same company, and is now Probate Judge of Chase county, Kansas; Henry N., was also a member of Company E., and is now a resident of Nebraska; John M. was a member of the Tenth Ohio Cavalry, and is now a resident of Miami county, Kansas; Edward L., also a member of the Tenth Cavalry, is deceased; Charles J., a soldier in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, lives in Florida; Alonzo J., who served in the Third Cavalry, is a resident of Delaware county; Mary M., is the wife of our subject; Martha A., is the wife of Geshem H. Mosher, of Delaware county; Eliza S., is the wife of Elizy S. Curl, of Cardington township. The parents were members of the Methodist Church, and the father served as Justice of the Peace for a full quarter of a century and as Commissioner of Sandusky county four terms, being an ardent Republican and a public-spirited man.

Mrs. Cunard was born in Sandusky county, December 1, 1835, and received her education in the district schools of that locality. After his marriage our subject rented of his father a farm of 600 acres and worked early and late in its cultivation, his efforts being attended with success.

In August, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which command he served for two years, being mustered out as Second Lieutenant. After the war he returned to his home and formed a partnership with his father in the operation of their extensive farm,—this association maintaining until 1878. In the meanwhile our subject had secured in his own right a farm of 225 acres, and on this place he continued to reside until 1881, when he purchased his present attractive residence in Mt. Gilead, and retired from active business life.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunard are the parents of three children, namely: Millard Fillmore, married Eva Ensign, has two children and resides at Granville, this State; Nancy Crit-

tenden is the wife of J. F. Gardner, of Lincoln township, and has eight children; Rosecrans M., is the wife of Dr. A. E. Westbrook, of Ashley, Delaware county. Mr. and Mrs. Cunard are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was made a Master Mason in 1861, in Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206; and in 1882 he took the Chapter degrees and is a member of Gilead Chapter, No. 59, being Past High Priest of the same. He holds a certificate of honorable membership in American Union Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., the same stating that the preferment was granted him "for distinguished Masonic services in behalf of American Union Lodge, No. 1." He is a charter member of James St. John Post, No. 282, G. A. R., of Cardington, and also a charter member of Hurd Post, No. 114, of Mt. Gilead, being a Past Commander of the order. In politics Mr. Cunard is a stanch, uncompromising Republican, supporting his party in every instance, even those of minor sort. During the later years of his life he has devoted some of his leisure time to literature. He has written several poems for publication, two of which we take pleasure in inserting in this sketch of one who has not only a delicate sense of the sublime, but also a taste for genuine irony, as the two following poems are evidence:

A DAY DREAM.

BY L. M. CUNARD.

To-day, in pleasing reveries, I lived o'er
My childhood's happy hours;
Methought I played 'round father's cabin door,
And gathered sweet wild flowers.
I thought I saw again my mother's face,
That same sweet smile was there,
And, as of yore, I saw so plain the trace
Of toil and anxious care.

I saw again our play-house, down the lane,
Just as in olden time,
And then I fancied that I heard again
The cow-bell's evening chime.
I heard the plaintive song the whip-poor-will
At sunset used to sing,
And saw the oak tree, as of old, there still,
(The one we called "the King.")

The same old well, the windlass, rope and chain,
I saw in my day dream;
I heard the old clock calling off again
The miles from life's swift stream.
The wide old cabin fire-place—sight so grand—
The children all were there,
I felt the gentle touch of mother's hand;
(Why starts this blinding tear?)

I looked above the old log cabin door,
And saw the robins' nest,
Then heard a song I'd often heard before;
Life's cares my soul oppressed.
I will not, can not, now that song repeat,
A charm is in each word;
It soothes my heart with melody more sweet
Than ancient shepherds heard.

O, pleasing day dreams, happy reveries,
Sweet solace of my life,
Brood o'er my soul; such holy memories
Obscure these scenes of strife.
In these day dreams I am a child again,
And mother smiles on me;
New life seems pulsing through each sluggish vein,
A joyous ecstacy.

A REPROBATED INFANT ON REVISION.

Listen, O ye Synods, hear me on revision,
I have somewhat on that subject to declare,
And I pray you, ere you hand down your decision,
Hear a voice which comes from regions of despair.
I was once a blue-eyed infant, and my charms
Were a doting mother's pride, so oft she pressed
Fondest kisses on my cheeks, while loving arms
Folded her own darling's image to her breast.

I was fated by those blest "decrees eternal,"
With the "reprobated angels" to be damned;
"For the glory of the Father," the infernal
Regions are with infants not a span long crammed.

And from year to year "the smoke of our tor-
ment"-ing
Is ascending, incense sweet before the Lord.
We're a seething mass of "non-elect" fermenting
In this lava-bed, a hopeless, howling horde.

And our "number is so certain;" (hear the story),
In God's councils long before your world was
made,
Our Creator thought he'd "manifest his glory,"
And the prank "predestination" somehow
played.
I know it seems unrighteous and unfeeling
To be "foreordained to everlasting death,"
But remember, *don't forget it*, there's no healing
For the soul when God uncorks his bottled
wrath.

When two summers o'er my head had sweetly
vanished
I was destined, or decreed, I know not which,
From the joys of earth and heaven to be ban-
ished
Where no hope, nor love, nor mercy cannot
reach.
Here I mingle with the reprobated luggage,
Dumped together in accord with the "decrees;"
The last arrival was one Davis and his baggage,
From his quarters in a southern diocese.

My dear mother, to eternal bliss elected,
Up in glory, over yonder, looks on me;
Heaven's beauty, heaven's grandeur is reflected
To augment, a thousand fold, my misery.
Wisdom, mercy, love so boundless, in ordaining
Those for bliss, and these for endless pain and
woe,
Was to teach the creature God intends maintain-
ing
His "sovereignty" while ages come and go.

For the glory of "the Father of all mercies"
Here we languish while eternity shall roll,
Not a reprobated creature ever here sees
Nor feels a moment's pleasure in his soul.
Profound pleasure hath Jehovah in our wailing,
And complacently He smiles when He looks
down,
To behold another reprobate come sailing
To abide eternally 'neath Satan's frown.

So "*unchangeably designed*" from the beginning,
And "*particularly*" fixed by the "*decrees*,"
Is our portion, that to think thus late of winning
An amendment is a species of disease
Akin to that of Saul, when he went killing
The Amalikitish infants. Simple Saul,
With his appetite for mutton, was unwilling
To slaughter Agog's sheep, so saved them all.

God and Samuel both were wroth with such be-
havior,
Saul's mistake was in amending God's decree;
When the cranky king assumed to be a Saviour,
He transcended all the bounds of decency.
And when Samuel heard the lowing of the cattle,
And the bleating sheep and lambs beyond the
gate,
He gave Saul a good sound cursing, for the battle
Was of God; the orders, "*kill, annihilate.*"

So I charge you, yes, I warn you, use discretion;
Do not tinker with "God's fixed eternal laws;"
Pray don't meddle with the sacred old "Confes-
sion,"
Hands off, Elders, don't attempt to patch a
clause.
Think of Saul,—hist, here comes Satan, I ex-
pect he
Heard me talking non-revision; if so be,
He'll order Pluto, with his imps, to inject me
Full of brimstone; good-bye, Elders, pity me.
—[L. M. C.

PRESLEY CURTIS, who has long been concerned with the agricultural industries of Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, has passed his entire life in the Buckeye State, and his memory traverses the long years intervening between the pioneer days and this end of the century period.

His father, Samuel Curtis, was born near Leesburg, Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1794, a son of Barnabas Curtis, who is thought to have been a native of Massachusetts. The latter was one of seven brothers who settled along the Ohio river, and their history from that time is obscure, no records concerning them being extant. The father of our subject was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Melinda Sinclair, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1789. Their marriage was consummated in

Belmont county, Ohio, where they settled and made their permanent home. Prior to his marriage, the father had learned the cooper's trade at Elliott's Mills, Virginia, and he followed this line of occupation for some time, after which he purchased a six-horse team and engaged in transporting goods to the West, as Ohio was then known, before the national turnpike road had been built. After his marriage he settled in Kirkwood township, Belmont county, Ohio, the date of such location having been 1824. Here he had purchased land of the Government, the farm being heavily wooded, stony and entirely unreclaimed. Our subject has in his possession the original deed of this land, the same having been signed by President Andrew Jackson. The father cleared and improved the farm, and was a quite extensive land owner at the time of his death, which occurred in 1868. His widow, who had been a cripple for seventeen years, died in 1872.

They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living, namely: Mary Jones, of Hendrysburgh, Belmont county, Ohio; Isaac, of Harrison county, this State; Margaret Ann Forman, of Belmont county; Presley, subject of this review; and Samuel, a resident of Belmont county.

Presley Curtis was born in Kirkwood township, Belmont county, Ohio, May 24, 1830, and there remained until he had attained man's estate. In January, 1856, he was united in marriage to Harriet H. Romans, who was born in Flushing township, Belmont county, January 25, 1834, the only daughter of Harrison D. and Louisa (Haynes) Romans, pioneer settlers in that county. They also became the parents of one son, Harvey A. Romans.

After his marriage our subject settled on his father's farm, where he remained for seven years, after which he purchased a farm in Flushing township, the same county, devoting himself to its cultivation for three years. February 14, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and accompanied his regiment to Kentucky, where they were assigned duty in guarding railroad lines. He served in this way until October of the same year, and then returned home, sick. As a result of his service his health was quite seriously impaired for a year after his discharge.

Mr. Curtis came to Morrow county in April, 1866, and settled on his present farm, which comprises 125 acres, all under effective cultivation and devoted to mixed farming. Our subject has given special attention to the raising of stock, and has been very successful in this line of enterprise. He has dealt largely in live-stock, and drove cattle into the leading markets before railroad transportation was to be had.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis became the parents of three children, two of whom are living, namely: Alva E., who married Ada Frye, lives in Cardington, this county, and has two children; and Rev. Emmet H., who married Lizzie, the daughter of F. C. Stanley, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume, is a resident of Gravity, Iowa, and has one child. Mrs. Curtis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally our subject is identified with James St. John Post, G. A. R., of Cardington.

Mr. Curtis was a school teacher in early manhood, and he has ever maintained a lively interest in educational work, giving his children exceptional advantages. He has been School Director for many years, having held this preferment in Belmont county.

In politics he supports the principles advocated by the Republican party, and has been quite an active worker, though in no sense an office seeker.

THEODORIC S. WHITE, who is one of the representative attorneys of Morrow county, and whose ancestral history is one of long identification with this section of the Buckeye State, has practically passed his entire life in Morrow county, and has grown from boyhood to attain a position of prominence and usefulness in the line of his profession and as a man among men.

His father, Howland R. White, was born in the vicinity of the village of Peru, Clinton county, New York, the date of his nativity having been July 1, 1816. His parents were William and Margaret (Banker) White, both of whom were natives of the old Empire State.

The original American ancestor of the White family was "William, the Englishman," who left his native land at that time when Lord Jeffreys was urging his infamous persecutions, proceeding from the west of England, along the Welsh border, and eventually making his way to the New World. He had intended to make settlement at New Amsterdam, which was the nucleus of the present metropolis of the nation, New York city, but he crossed the river and settled at Salisbury, Connecticut, later on removing to Dutchess county, New York, whence representatives of the family in time became scattered throughout the Union.

William White, the grandfather of our subject, was an active participant in the war of 1812, going forth with the troops from his native State. In 1830 he came with his family to Ohio, and settled in what is now Lincoln township, Morrow county, where he remained for a term of years and then sold out and removed to Cardington township, settling on a tract of land lying one mile east of the present village of Cardington, on the Chesterville road, where he remained until the hour of his death.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Valeria A. Schenck, was a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, where she was born in October, 1822, the daughter of John D. and Gillian (Lloyd) Schenck, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion State, the former being of German extraction, and the latter of Welsh-English. They came from Virginia to Ohio about 1838, and settled in Ætna township, Licking county, where they remained for a time, after which they removed to Harrison township, where the father died. At the time of the attack on Washington within the progress of the war of 1812, he assisted in defending the city.

The parents of our subject were married, in Licking county, in 1851, and thereupon took up their abode on the farm one mile east of Cardington, where they resided until about 1858, when they came to Cardington, where they have ever since maintained their home. Two of their children are now living, namely: Theodoric S., subject of this review; and Gillian Lloyd, who is at present in the public schools of Cardington. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the father's ancestors having been Friends, or Quakers. In politics he was originally a Whig, but since the organization of the Republican party he has rendered to it an unwavering allegiance.

Theodoric S. White, the subject of this sketch, was born on the paternal homestead

one mile east of Cardington, on the 3d of October, 1854, receiving his education in the public schools of Cardington, and graduating at the high school. He had early manifested a desire to take up the study of law, and even before leaving his school-room he had made many incursions into the pages of Kent and Blackstone, being afforded this privilege in the office of Judge Thomas E. Duncan, of Cardington, who acted as our subject's preceptor when the latter took up the reading of law in good earnest,—soon after his graduation from the high school.

Mr. White was admitted to the bar, at Mt. Gilead, in 1876, being at the time somewhat past his twenty-first birthday anniversary. He then entered upon a professional partnership with his former preceptor, Judge Duncan, and this association maintained for a number of years. Since its dissolution our subject has practiced alone. Politically, Mr. White has been a stanch and uncompromising Republican, and has been a most active worker in the party ranks, having served as delegate to divers conventions of the organization. He was Prosecuting Attorney of Morrow county from 1880 until 1885, and has also been the incumbent as City Solicitor.

Fraternally our subject is prominently identified with the Masonic Order, retaining a membership in Cardington Lodge, No. 384, F. & A. M., of which he has served as Secretary; in Mt. Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M.; and in the Royal Arcanum, in which he has held the office of Regent.

May 1, 1892, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Florence R. Smith, M. D., a native of Marion county, Ohio, and a daughter of Senaca A. and Dorothy (West) Smith, who are now residents of Lincoln township, Morrow county. Mrs. White received her literary education in the public schools of Cardington, and in 1884 graduated at the Homeopathic Medical College, of Cleveland. She is a most able physician, and retains a representative patronage in Cardington and vicinity. She is a member of the Homeopathic State Medical Society.

Reverting, in conclusion, to the ancestral history of our subject, we learn that his great-grandfather, on the maternal side, was George E. Lloyd, Sr., who was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and who was an active participant in the war of the Revolution, having been a member of Captain Barry's company, Eighth Virginia Line, commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenburg. Colonel Muhlenburg was pastor of a church at Woodstock, Shenandoah county, Virginia, and after having delivered an impassioned sermon before his flock he threw aside his clerical vestments, revealing his regimentals, and thereupon ordered the drums to call for recruits at the church door. George E. Lloyd was one of those who responded to this call. An uncle of our subject, Theodoric L. Schenck, was a soldier in Company B, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served through the late war of the Rebellion, having been made steward of a hospital. Another uncle, Sardis H. White, was a soldier in Company C, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served from June 13, 1861, until October 21, 1865, having participated in many of the principal battles of the war. Still another uncle, Horace B. White, was fifty years of age when he enlisted as a member of Company M, Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and was promoted to the office of battalion hospital steward, dying while in the service. His son, Adelbert B., was a member of the same

company, and served from September 8, 1861, until he was mustered out, November 23, 1864.

ENOS HATCH, a prominent farmer of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born on the place where he now lives, October 21, 1830, a son of Alfred and Martha (Hill) Hatch, natives of the State of New York. The mother died on the old home farm in this county. The father, who came to Ohio in 1812, departed this life in Fairfield county, this State, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a life-long farmer, a Democrat in his political views, and a devoted attendant of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch had five children, viz.: Huldah Henry, of Franklin county, Ohio; Lucy Allspaugh, of Franklin county; Fairchilds, a resident of Putnam county, this State; Roswell, also of that place, and Enos, the subject of this sketch.

Enos Hatch was reared on the old homestead, and received his education in the log school house. He now owns 106 acres of the best land in Delaware county, has made all the improvements necessary for a well regulated farm, and is engaged in the raising of fine stock. He affiiliates with the Democratic party, and is an attendant of the Baptist church.

August 31, 1852, Mr. Hatch was united in marriage to Rebecca Gorsuch, and they had four children, namely: Margaret, born July 25, 1855, died December 22, 1875; David, born March 7, 1858, died December 21, 1860; Angeline, born February 6, 1862, died February 25, 1865; and Homer, born September 18, 1869, died August 28, 1871. Rebecca (Gorsuch) Hatch, wife of our subject, passed to the life eternal on the 12th of June, 1874, and on March 11, 1875, Mr. Hatch consummated a second marriage, being then united to Mrs. Catharine Gorsuch, *née* Kirby, and to them one child was born, April 24, 1877, namely, Bertha. Mrs. Catharine Hatch died April 18, 1886, and the marriage of our subject to Rachel R. Hashbarger was solemnized October 31, 1886.

A. R. BIGELOW traces his ancestral history back to the battle of Hastings, 1063, the Norman Knight DeBaguley being one of the followers of William the Conqueror. John Bigelo, the ancestor of all the Bigelows in this country, landed in Boston in 1640. Our subject, A. R. Bigelow, is one of the successful and representative farmers of Union county, which is the place of his nativity, as it was also of his honored father. The old homestead farm on which our subject was born and which is his place of abode at the present time is located in Union township, comprising 250 acres of as fine agricultural land as can be found in this section of the State, the place being effectively watered by Little Darby creek, which wends its way across field and meadow. The family residence is a large and substantial frame structure and is symmetrical in its appointments as an attractive rural home. Other permanent improvements include two large barns, sheds and other outbuildings, while in every quarter of the place there is evidence of the discriminating care given to the cultivation of the broad acres and to the breeding of stock, to which latter line of enterprise our subject devotes no little attention.

Michael Davis

Mrs. Michael Davis

Alpheus Russell Bigelow was born October 29, 1851, the son of Alpheus, Sr., who was also born on the old Bigelow homestead, the son of Eliphas Bigelow, who was one of the earliest settlers in what is now Union township, where he settled in the midst of the virgin forest and began the arduous task of reclaiming his possessions from the hand of nature. He was a native of the state of Maine. Our subject's father was reared on the old pioneer farmstead and received his educational discipline in the primative schools of the district. Attaining maturity he joined heart and hand with Miss Malinda Converse, who was of stanch old Puritan stock, a native of Madison county, this State. The original American ancestor of the Converse line became a resident of Massachusetts as early as 1620.

Alpheus and Malinda Bigelow became the parents of two children: Delilah, who died at the age of four years, and Alpheus R., the immediate subject of this sketch. The honored father died in 1851, lamented by all who appreciated his upright character and sterling worth. His widow subsequent-married James McCloud, the issue of this union being three children: Jerry, a resident of Paris, Union county, Ohio; Rosa, wife of G. F. Morse, of Garnett, Kansas; and Mariam, wife of L. H. Elliott, of Union county, Ohio. The mother is now living at Milford Center, this county.

Our subject was reared to man's estate on and near the old homestead, receiving his education in the district schools and in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. In 1870 he assumed charge of the home farm and continued to operate the same for ten years, when, in 1880, he went to San Francisco, California, where he passed two years, after which he returned to the home of his childhood, where he has since continued to reside, devoting his attention to the cultivation of the fine farm which has been in the possession of the family for so many years.

At the age of twenty years he became convinced that a life companionship with Miss Hattie Parthemor was essential to his happiness and soon the wedding bells announced their union. Mrs. Bigelow was born and reared in Union township, the daughter of Frederick and Permelia Parthemor. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow have six children: Maurice Alpheus, who is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, class of 1894; Amy R.; Walter R.; William F.; Dessie H., and Merle E.

Politically, Mr. Bigelow casts his franchise with the Republican party, being one of the wheel-horses in the local organization. He is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are also his wife and three of his children. The family stands foremost as one of intelligence and true refinement, and their influence in the community is recognized as ever directed along the line where good and right obtain.

MICHAEL DAVIS is one of the prominent and honored pioneer residents of Union township, Union county, and there is a signal consistency in giving space to a resume of his life history in this connection. Mr. Davis is a native of the Buckeye State, with whose history that of his family has been identified from the early pioneer days, when were taken the inceptive steps in its reclamation from the sylvan wilds. He was born in Clinton township, Knox county,

September 26, 1821, the son of Joseph Davis, who was one of the representative men and pioneer residents of this county. He was born in the Old Dominion State, the son of George Davis, who was the son of Michael. Joseph passed his childhood days in Pennsylvania, and was only fifteen years of age when his father came to Ohio and established his pioneer home in the forests of Knox county. At that time the present thriving city which is the county seat, Mount Vernon, was an unpretentious hamlet, represented by three primitive log cabins. The Davis family is of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, and the paternal grandmother of our subject was of Scotch descent, her place of nativity having been the city of Philadelphia. One of the sons of George Davis was an active participant in the war of 1812.

Joseph Davis was married, in Knox county, to Miss Lydia Shenaberry, who was born in Pennsylvania. They became the parents of thirteen children, namely: Polly, Michael, Margaret, Joseph, George, Nancy, Elizabeth, W. Shannon, Catherine, William (deceased), George (the second, deceased), and two who died in infancy.

The father of our subject came to Union county in 1854 and purchased 196 acres of the rich bottom lands along the Big Darby creek, the place having a substantial brick house, which was a somewhat extraordinary improvement in this section at that period. Here he lived to attain a remarkably green old age, dying at the age of ninety-seven years and eleven months, having been, at the time of his demise, the oldest man in the county and one of the oldest in the State,—a veritable patriarch. He was a farmer all his life, and was a noble specimen of the sturdy husbandman, possessing a vigorous and alert mentality, and standing six feet and two inches in height, with strong and robust physique. Politically he was a strong Democrat of the old-line type, and religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife died at the age of eighty-six years, having been a member of the Christian Church.

Michael Davis, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to farm work in Knox county, and became notable for his prowess in the accomplishment of the various duties of the farm. He was able, as a young man, to chop a cord of wood in an hour, and made a record by cutting, with a cradle, eight and one-half acres of grain in a day. In these lines he was the acknowledged champion of the county, and his feats of endurance and strength would cause the average young man of this period to gaze in perfect wonder. He came to Union county with his parents in 1854, and for a number of years assisted in the cultivation of the paternal homestead. In 1856 he purchased his present place and located thereon, the farm comprising 133⅔ acres, and being conceded to be one of the finest in the township. The soil is particularly fertile and yields bountiful harvests in the various lines of production to which it is devoted. The permanent improvements include a good frame house and large barns, with all essential equipments in the way of minor outbuildings. The farm is thoroughly well cultivated, and is kept in perfect order in all portions.

At the age of twenty-two years,—more than an half century ago,—he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Crottinger, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1822, the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Beckenbaugh) Crottinger, na-

tives respectively of Maryland and Pennsylvania. They came to Licking county, Ohio, in 1827, and there passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying at the age of seventy-seven, and the mother at eighty-eight. Mrs. Davis was but five years of age when her parents came to Ohio. They had ten children: Mary, Christina, Susan, Jacob, Abraham, Jackson, Sarah, Catherine, James, and George. The last two named died in early childhood. The father was a Democrat, and religiously was a zealous member of the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had no children, but have reared two, whom they adopted informally: H. C. Ferguson is now deceased, and the other child, Sada, is now the wife of Alfred Paver, residing on the Davis farm. They are the parents of five children, namely: Blanche, May, Ira, Howard, and Edna Zion.

In his political faith our subject advocates the same principles as did his honored father, being an uncompromising Democrat. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Christian Church. Mr. Davis inherits the physical strength of a sturdy ancestry, and is vigorous and erect. In manners he is genial and affable, and in character is above reproach. He is held in the highest esteem in the community, and is one of the most popular pioneer residents of the section.

GEORGE W. BELL.—We now direct attention to the more salient points in the life history of one who stands as one of the prominent business men of Cardington, Morrow county, and as one of the old and honored residents of said county. Mr. Bell is a native of that beautiful suburb of the national capital, Georgetown, District of Columbia, where he was ushered into the world on the 17th of July, 1827. His father, Elijah Bell, was a native of Scotland, where he was born in the year 1793. He came to America when a mere boy, a large number of the Bell family having emigrated to the New World and having settled in and effected the organization of the county of Montgomery, Maryland,—Rockville being the official center of the county. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Mary Hart, and she was born in England in 1789.

The name of this family of Bells was formerly spelled Beall, but our subject changed it to Bell, and the latter has been adopted by many members of this branch of the family. George W. has in his possession a copy of his grandfather's will. Samuel Beall was the possessor of a large landed estate lying between Rockville and Baltimore, Maryland. That part of the estate lying on the west side of the road, called Batchalder's Forest, was bequeathed to the father of our subject, Elijah Beall, who was also made executor of the will; one tract of land called James' Gift, was bequeathed to his son, Enoch Beall; the balance of his real estate was converted into money, and, with his personal property, divided among his heirs in a wise and discreet manner. This will was executed October 10, 1825.

The marriage of Elijah Bell and Mary Hart was consummated in Georgetown, Maryland, and there they remained until 1838. In 1825, however, Mr. Bell had come westward to Ohio, and had located a land warrant in Tuscarawas county, after which he returned home, and in 1838 came to this State with his family, and took up

his abode on the claim entered more than a decade previous. His initial trip to the Buckeye State was made on horseback, across the mountains and through the densely wooded vales. His land was wild and heavily timbered, and he gave his attention to its reclamation and improvement until 1861, when he removed to Columbus, this State, and made settlement on a farm east of the city, remaining there until the hour of his death, which occurred in that year which marked the centennial anniversary of our national independence,—1876. His wife had been summoned to eternal rest in 1862.

They were the parents of four children; and of this number only one has passed away. The following is a brief record touching the lives of the children: Salina became the wife of Edward Ricketts, and is now deceased, having left three children; Howard, a resident of Zanesville, this State, married Melissa Dermuth, and they have six children; George W. is the immediate subject of this review; and Sarah is the wife of Jared Ricketts, of Fairfield county, Ohio, having no children.

The parents were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church, and the father was an old-line Democrat, having held preferment as Justice of the Peace. He was an active participant in the war of 1812.

George W. Bell remained at the paternal home until he had attained the age of sixteen years, when he went to Fairfield county, Ohio, and there devoted his attention to acquiring the tanner's trade,—a vocation which he followed until he came to Cardington in 1851, when he engaged in merchandising on a small scale, and in dealing in stock. He was ambitious, industrious and enterprising, and had an intellectual acumen which enabled him to direct his efforts according to those careful and honorable methods which ever conserve the attaining of success. His business showed a healthful and steady growth and he has not abated his labors until there has come to him the success for which he strove. He commenced with nothing in the way of financial resources or influence, and stands as the architect of his own fortune,—a distinctive type of the self-made man. His business enterprise at the present time includes the dealing in wool, seeds, real estate, etc., and in the line takes a distinct precedence in the character and scope of operations.

Religiously, Mr. Bell is a prominent and zealous member of the Presbyterian Church, holding preferment as one of the trustees of the local organization. Politically, he is a stalwart Democrat. and has been a prominent figure in local politics. He is one of the supervisors of elections, has been a member of the Board of Education for the past sixteen years, and has also served as a member of the Common Council. His financial interests are of considerable note, and he is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Cardington.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Bell has advanced to a position of marked prominence in the noble order of Free Masonry. He was made a Master Mason at Mount Gilead in 1859, being a member of Cardington Lodge, No. 384, F. & A. M., of which he has served as Treasurer. In 1873 he took the Royal Arch degree and chapter at Mount Gilead, and is a member of Mount Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M. In 1876 he was made a Sir Knight at the Marion Commandery at Marion, Ohio; in 1884 he took the Scottish Rite degrees up to the eighteenth, at Dayton, Ohio, and in 1885 up to the thirty-second degree at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The marriage of Mr. Bell occurred in 1858, when he was united to Miss Mary E. McMahan, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Asa McMahan, who was one of the earliest pioneers of Morrow county, Ohio. Mrs. Bell was born in 1832, and February 13, 1891, she rendered into the hands of death a life which had been given to cheer, to bless and render beautiful all associations therewith. Mr. and Mrs. Bell became the parents of two children: Addie and Margaret.

GEORGE W. REAM, who holds distinctive official preferment as Trustee of Allen township, Union county, is one of the representative farmers of this section and is one whose record of military service stands in evidence of his patriotism and unswerving loyalty. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Ross county, March 10, 1842, the son of Samuel Ream, a prominent resident of this township. Samuel Ream was born in Pennsylvania, the son of Samuel, Sr., who was the son of John Ream, one of the pioneers of the old Keystone State. The father of our subject was reared and educated in his native State and finally came to Ross county, Ohio, where he married Elizabeth Featherling, a native of the Old Dominion State. In 1849 he removed with his family to Union county and settled on Darby plains, where he remained for six years, and then, in 1858, came to Allen township, where he has since maintained his home on the farm which he now occupies.

Samuel and Elizabeth Ream have had seven children, of whom we make record as follows: George W.; Matthias; Elizabeth; Delia; Sarah, deceased; Samuel; and Frank deceased. The devoted wife and mother died February 27, 1894, at the age of seventy-four years and six days.

George W. Ream was reared to the life of a farmer and received his education in the district schools, the same having been effectively supplemented by the practical experiences of life. May 2, 1864, he enlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio National Guard, and was honorably discharged from service on the 2d of September in the same year. He took up his residence on his present farm in 1881, soon after his marriage. He owns 124 acres, of which the home place,—the Robinson farm,—comprises 106 acres, being improved with a good residence and barn, a modern wind-mill and all necessary accessories. The place is cultivated according to approved and progressive methods and gives evidence of thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Ream's marriage was consummated September 1, 1881, when he was united to Mrs. Ortensie V. (Eaton) Robinson, relict of the late William Robinson, son of William L. Robinson, of this township. Mrs. Ream's parents were Joshua and Elizabeth Eaton, the former of whom was a native of Massachusetts, and the latter, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Poling, was born in Virginia. Both died in Allen township, this county.

Joshua Eaton was married three times. His first wife's name was Blackmore. By this union one child was born, Lydia, aged eighty years, still living. His second wife was Mary Brooks. She was the mother of eight children: Mary, Sarah, Jane, Eliza, Orrange, Anise, Marcena and Edward. Edward died on board a Mississippi boat while

in the service of the Union, a member of Company K, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was buried in his blanket on the banks near Vicksburg. Joshua Eaton married for his third wife Elizabeth (Poling) Hoff, widow of Anthony Hoff, and they had three children: Ortensie V., Calvesta A., and Orlando B. By her former marriage she had five children: Sarah, Rachel, Ann, Jane and Samuel.

Ortensie V. Eaton was united in marriage to William Robinson March 13, 1873, and became the mother of two children: Adolphus B., born April 16, 1874; and Mary A., born March 22, 1877. William Robinson participated in the late war of the Rebellion as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His death occurred February 28, 1879. By her marriage to Mr. Ream she is the mother of one son, George C., born January 1, 1885. Before her marriage she was a popular and successful school teacher.

Mr. Ream is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and he has held political preferment in a local way, having served as Trustee of the township for the past decade. Fraternally, he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, having been a charter member and one of the first officers of Millington Post No. 506, of Pottersburg, Ohio. He is a man of marked intellectual and business ability, is well informed upon the current affairs of the day and is held in highest estimation in the community.

Mrs. Ream is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also her daughter, Mary, who is a popular teacher in the Sunday-school. The son, Adolphus B. Robinson, is attending school at Ada, Ohio.

JAMES LEWIS, one of the leading citizens of Harlem township, was born on the old Lewis homestead, November 9, 1841. His father, Steven Lewis, was a prominent and well known early settler of Licking county, Ohio. He was married to Sarah Milligan, who was born, reared and educated in that county, a daughter of James Milligan. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lewis located on thirty acres of land in the dense woods, built a log cabin, and added to their original purchase until they owned 380 acres of well improved land. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Clarissa Flarity, Dennis, James, Harriet Needles, Martha, Alfred, Anna and Norman. The last four are deceased. The mother departed this life at the age of seventy-one years, and the father died in 1892, at the age of eighty-one years. He was a life-long farmer, and was a Democrat in his political relations.

James Lewis, the subject of this sketch, has resided on his present farm for twenty-five years. It consists of 140 acres of well improved land, and contains many valuable improvements. In addition to general farming, Mr. Lewis is extensively engaged in stock raising, and has the reputation of being the leading horse dealer in this locality. He votes with the Democratic party.

Mr. Lewis was married at the age of twenty-three years, to Elizabeth Mayfield, a native of Trenton township, Delaware county, and a daughter of Abram Mayfield. Mrs. Lewis died one year after her marriage. In 1867 our subject was united in marriage with Adaline Trippier, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth Trippier, both now deceased. To this union has been born one daughter, Cora, wife of Virga Buel, of Hartford, Lick-

ing county. Mr. Lewis is frank and jovial in his manner, honest in his dealings, and is honored and respected by all who know him.

CHRISTOPHER H. CHAMBERLIN, a venerable and honored citizen of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, and one who was for many years one of the leading business men of the place, must call forth in this connection such consideration as is manifestly due him as, in the repose and retirement of his beautiful home, he views the hurrying throng with kindly and indulgent gaze, reflecting on what has been wrought within the long span of his days and resting from the ceaseless toil and endeavor which brought to him success and the regard of men.

The father of our subject was Gideon Chamberlin, who is supposed to have been a native of New Jersey, and to have been born about the year 1779, the son of John Chamberlin. Gideon Chamberlin was a farmer during his entire life. Circumstances prevented him from bearing arms in the war of 1812, but he provided a substitute. He married Catherine Hulsizer, who was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, the daughter of Christopher Hulsizer.

Gideon and Catherine Chamberlin removed from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, about 1817, and there the latter died, in 1837. They were the parents of nine children, of whom all but one lived to attain mature years. At the present time there are but three surviving and all of these are men of venerable years. Their names, with age (in 1894), are here given: William, aged eighty-five; Christopher H., our subject, aged eighty-three; and John aged seventy-nine. The father came to Ohio in 1828 and settled in Franklin township, Knox county (now Morrow county), where he was one of the pioneer residents and where he made his permanent home. Somewhat later our subject went to Wooster, Wayne county, and entered a tract of land for his father, and here they took up their abode in the virgin forest, ultimately reclaiming the place and bringing it into effective cultivation. On this farm, which was located on Owl creek, the father died, about 1837. He had been a member of the Baptist Church in Pennsylvania.

Christopher H. Chamberlin, the immediate subject of this review, was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, April 19, 1811, receiving limited education advantages in Pennsylvania, whither his parents removed when he was but a child. He was seventeen years of age when his father removed to Ohio. His educational advantages were extremely meagre in character, but he was ambitious to learn and had a receptive mind, being thus enabled to secure a good practical education as the result of personal application and study. This line of reading and study has led him along to a position of much intellectual strength and wide information. As a boy he was compelled to work in the employ of others, but he continued to make his home at the paternal domicile until the time of his marriage.

In 1833, he wedded Miss Sarah D. Lyon, who was born in Ohio, her place of nativity having been a block-house, near Fredricktown, which building was being used for the protection of the women and children during the war of 1812, her birth having occurred in that year. After his marriage our subject constructed a log cabin on the farm of his father-in-law, and there continued to

abide for three years, assisting in the work of the farm, which was located in Franklin township, this county (then Knox county). After three years had thus elapsed, his little log house was destroyed by fire and he then went to Bloomfield township and settled on a place which is the location of the present town of Sparta. Here he remained five years, after which, in 1840, he returned to his father's old place. The father had died and our subject purchased the interests of most of the other heirs to the estate. He built a house on the old homestead and occupied the same for a time, after which he disposed of his interest in the farm, taking in exchange a tract of sixty acres, in Delaware county. This place was located in the dense woods of Harmony township, Delaware county (now Morrow), and he remained upon the same for a period of thirteen years, clearing up the land and improving it.

In 1853 he resigned his connection with agriculturism and came to Mount Gilead, where he engaged in the mercantile business and continued the enterprise for three years, after which he removed to Butler Center, Iowa, where he was engaged in merchandising somewhat over two years, after which he removed to a point ten miles distant in the same county (Butler), and there conducted a store for two and one-half years. In 1859 he returned to Mount Gilead and resumed merchandising in the same building which he had previously utilized for the same purpose. After a short time he removed to the town of Williamsport, six miles east of Mount Gilead, and there continued in the mercantile trade for several years, after which he once more returned to Mount Gilead and took up his residence, where he has lived for the past thirteen years.

The devoted and cherished wife of our subject entered into eternal rest in 1861. They were the parents of six children, of whom only two are living, namely: Phœbe Ann, wife of Asa A. Gardner, of Mount Gilead, and the mother of two children by a previous marriage to Enoc Gerge; and Lucretia J., wife of Robert P. Halliday, of this city: they are the parents of two children.

Mr. Chamberlin consummated a second marriage April 19, 1863, when he espoused Miss Mary Truex, *nèe* Linn, who is a native of Monroe county, this State, where she was born April 20, 1811. Our subject and his estimable wife are zealous members of the Baptist Church of Mount Gilead, and Mr. Chamberlin has been particularly active in temperance work, having identified himself with the Murphy movement many years ago. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat of the Andrew Jackson type, his first vote having been cast for that sturdy President, in 1832. He has been consistent in the upholding of his political faith, both in defending and supporting the same. He held preferment as Justice of the Peace in this county for a term of nine years, and in Bloomfield and Congress townships served as Constable, and in Congress township as Township Treasurer and Justice of the Peace. During the war our subject contributed liberally of his means to the support of the Union cause, with which he was thoroughly and uncompromisingly in sympathy.

Mr. Chamberlin's life has not been one of supine ease and of futile dreams. He has worked diligently and consecutively, and the high measure of success which is his has come as the direct result of his own efforts. When he started out in married

life his earthly possessions were summed up in an axe and a good splint broom, which latter he had made with his own hands. Who would deny to such a man the reward which is so justly due,—the respect of his fellowmen? One of the patriarchs of the county, and one known far and wide for the integrity of his character, our subject abides, in his declining days, safe in the honor and esteem of the community.

MAJOR JAMES OLDS.—It is now our privilege to take briefly under review the life history of one who has attained a marked prestige in the line of his profession, that of law; who has rendered to the nation the valiant service of a patriotic and loyal son of the republic, and whose history in an ancestral way touches the early pioneer days when the courageous settlers took up their abode in rude cabins in the midst of the sylvan wilds of the Buckeye State and lent themselves to its reclamation. What better subject for biographic honors could be asked for in this connection?

James Olds was born in that portion of Delaware county, Ohio, which was subsequently incorporated in the present county of Morrow, on the 4th of October, 1823, and to-day he is an honored and venerable resident of the county of his nativity, having for many years maintained his home and fields of operation in the official center of the county, Mt. Gilead. His father was Rev. Benjamin Olds, a native of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, where he was born May 1, 1795. By occupation he was a farmer and a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His parents, who were Eastern people, located in the Old Keystone State and thence came to Delaware county, Ohio, settling in Oxford township in 1807 or 1808, and being among the very first settlers in the county. The father of our subject was only fourteen years of age when his parents removed to this State.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Abigail Washburn, was born in the State of New York, in July, 1805, and came with her parents to Delaware county, Ohio, when but three years of age,—her parents also having been among the very early settlers in Delaware county. The marriage of Benjamin Olds and Abigail Washburn was solemnized in Delaware county, in October, 1822, and shortly after this event they settled in the woods of Westfield township, where they built a hewed log house, and there remained, devoting themselves to the reclamation and improvement of the place, until 1862, when the father of our subject was called to enter the life eternal, being sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death. In politics he was originally a Whig, but united with the Republican party at the time of its organization. He was Justice of the Peace for many years, and was County Commissioner at the time the organization of Morrow county was effected. He was a man of broad intelligence and one of much prominence in this section of the State, having been known throughout the length and breadth of the extended circuit which he covered as a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother of our subject died, at his home in Mt. Gilead, August 31, 1889, having attained the venerable age of eighty-five years. They were the parents of eleven children,—nine sons and two daughters,—all of whom lived to attain maturity, a brief record of their

lives being here incorporated: James, the eldest of the family, is the subject of this review; Henry, who married and reared a family, died in Illinois, November 18, 1856; Luther married, reared a family and died in 1893, at Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Abner died August 10, 1856, soon after he had begun the practice of his profession; Sanford was a soldier in the late war of the Rebellion, was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and died from the effects of his injuries, January 28, 1864; Jane died September 13, 1872; Miles died May 10, 1870, leaving a widow and two children; Lester married and is now a resident of Labette county, Kansas; Chauncey was a soldier in the late civil war, and died November 9, 1862, as a result of wounds received in the battle of Murfreesboro; Mary is the wife of Wilbert Granger, of Delaware county, Ohio; Hon. Walter Olds, who is the youngest of the family, studied law with his brother, our subject, and was duly admitted to the bar, eventually taking up his residence in Whitley county, Indiana, from which he was elected to the Senate of that State: he held preferment as Circuit Judge for four years, and was later elected Judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana, an office which he resigned, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession in Chicago, Illinois, being one of the leading lawyers of the Garden City, and having office headquarters in rooms 1113-14, Tacoma Building.

Major James Olds, the immediate subject of this review, was born in one of the first log houses erected in Delaware county, this State, and the old farm where he first ope'd wondering eyes is still in his possession. His first scholastic discipline was received in one of the primitive log school houses, with slab benches, wide fire-places and meagre accessories. He remained on the old homestead, assisting in its improvement and cultivation, until he had attained the age of eighteen years, when he made his initial effort on his own responsibility by engaging to teach a district school. Just when budding ambition gave itself a definite aim is difficult to say, but certain it is that our subject looked out and beyond the narrowed mental horizon of the farm home, which was one in which culture and refinement were not absent and one in which aspirations for a wider sphere of usefulness were readily enkindled.

Accordingly we find that in 1843 James matriculated as a student at Delaware College, in the village of Delaware, Ohio, being one of the first students in that institution, and having as a fellow-student the young man who eventually became the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, John C. Lee, deceased. He remained in the college until the fall of 1844, when he went to Indiana and there engaged in school teaching for a time, returning to Delaware within the succeeding year and there entering the office of Judge Sherman Finch, under whose preceptorship he continued the study of law until his admission to the bar in 1848,— the year which marked the organization of Morrow county. While pursuing his professional studies he had taught school at intervals, and had thus been enabled to defray his incidental expenses.

After his admission to the bar, Major Olds located in Mount Gilead and entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he has since continued consecutively in this place during all the long intervening years, with but one year's interruption,— that which called him forth in defense of his country's honor.

In 1861 he was commissioned a recruiting officer and organized the first full company (Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry), known as a part of the Sherman Brigade. He was commissioned Major of the regiment named, but resigned in 1862, by reason of disability. Since that time he has been engaged in practice in Mount Gilead, being recognized as one of the representative and most able lawyers of the county, and as one whose honor is above reproach. He is a stanch Republican, but has never sought or accepted official preferment in the gift of his party,—a record which is most exceptional when office-seeking has been an almost unvarying concomitant of the legal profession.

Reverting, in conclusion, to the domestic pages of our honored subject's life, we find that, on the last day of the year 1863, was consummated his marriage to Miss Anistasie Talmage, who was born in Gilead township, this county, in July, 1842, the daughter of James M. and Louisa (Newson) Talmage, the former of whom was a native of the State of New York, and one of the early settlers in this county; and the latter of whom was born in Maryland. Mrs. Olds is the oldest of the four living children, and in her early years she was a successful and popular school teacher in this county.

Major and Mrs. Olds are the parents of three children, namely: Mame, born October 26, 1864, is the wife of W. R. Baxter, a leading lawyer of Canton, this State; Benjamin, born September 27, 1868, has been associated with his father in law practice for the past four years, having completed his literary education at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware; and W. Floyd, born April 6, 1884.

In the line of fraternal affiliations our subject is identified with but one organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, retaining a membership in Hurd Post.

SIMEON D. KILGORE.—The work of tilling the soil soon resolves itself into a somewhat monotonous routine and the honest husbandman, upon whose success depends to so large an extent that of all the lines of industry and enterprise, must needs be wide awake else he will lapse into distinctive ruts and thus bar the way to progress and to the mazimum of success possible. One of the farmers of this favored section who has kept himself emancipated from these set methods which become habits and are followed because they represent the custom of years, is he whose name initiates this review,—a man who has attained to a high order of success and who finds no reason to enter the all too common complaint that "farming does not pay."

The date of Mr. Kilgore's nativity was May 10, 1836, and the place was Camden township, at a point about three miles distant from Plain City, Madison county, this State. His parents were Thomas and Jane (Patterson) Kilgore, both of whom are now deceased, the mother dying at the age of seventy-one and the father at eighty-one, in Madison county, where they were honored and prominent residents for many years.

Thomas Kilgore was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was of stanch old Irish stock, his paternal grandfather having been born in the Emerald Isle. The Patterson family were from Bottetourt county, Virginia, where representatives have been located from early Colonial days. The marriage of our subject's par-

ents occurred after they had taken up their residence in this State. The father first settled in Ross county, almost on the very ground where the city of Chillicothe now stands, buying land at $1.25 per acre. There he remained until he removed his family to Madison county, where he developed a fine farm and passed the remainder of his days.

Thomas and Jane Kilgore became the parents of ten children, of whom four are now living. Concerning the family we offer the following record: John, born October 30, 1815, lives in Franklin county, and became the father of three children, one of whom is deceased: one of his sons, Thomas, was for three years in active service in the late war, having been a member of the First Ohio Cavalry; Sarah, born September 18, 1817, died July 13, 1842, having been the wife of Jeremiah Sherwood, by whom she had two children, one of whom is living, a resident of Franklin county; Elizabeth, born April 24, 1819, married Chauncey Beech, and lives in West Jefferson, Madison county; William, born January 26, 1823, was a prominent farmer of Madison county, where he died, in 1889, leaving four children; Harvey, born December 23, 1824, lives on the old homestead in Madison county and has two children; Rebecca, born February 6, 1827, married Jacob Taylor, by whom she had four children, her death occurring in 1890; Lucinda, born December 21, 1829, died in 1859; Eliza, born March 24, 1833, died January 5, 1836; and two other children died in infancy.

Our subject was reared to farm work on the old homestead in Madison county, receiving his preliminary educational training in the district schools, the knowledge thus acquired serving as a most effectual groundwork for the comprehensive practical education which he has gained by his labor in and contact with the world and its affairs.

July 3, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Cary, a native of Madison county, where her parents were honored pioneer residents. Soon after his marriage our subject settled in Mill Creek township, Union county, and here he has ever since retained a residence. His first purchase was a tract of 200 acres, lying about four miles distant from his present place of abode. He has resided in his present quarters since 1893, the place, familiarly known as the Luther Liggett farm, having been purchased by him at that time. He now has a landed estate in this county of 637 acres, with three dwelling houses and seven barns. With so extended a domain, all of which is under a most perfect system of cultivation, it is needless to say that our subject stands forth as one whose success has come as the direct result of his own well-ordered and consecutive endeavor.

In politics Mr. Kilgore is firmly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and religiously he lends his influence and support to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife and daughter, Cora, are devoted adherents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore have had three children, namely: Etta J., born, March 12, 1869, completed her education at Lebanon, Warren county, was possessed of a high order of musical ability and was for some time engaged in teaching in this line of art, being a young woman of pure and gracious refinement: her untimely death occurred July 12, 1891, and though those who knew and ap-

preciated her beautiful character can but mourn their loss, yet there comes to them the consolation of the thought that such a life was most eminently fit to merge into the glories of the life eternal; Cora E., attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, for three years, stopping her work there in her junior year; Thomas H., born March 6, 1877, is attending the high school at Watkins.

EDGAR J. VAUGHAN, a well-known business man, holds distinctive preferment as cashier of the First National Bank of Cardington, Morrow county, and of this county he is a native son, having been born, August 9, 1857, on the old homestead, in Lincoln township, where his father still lives, the family being one whose history has been identified with that of the Buckeye State from the early pioneer days.

Our subject was the eldest son of James W. and Rachel A. (Wood) Vaughan, to whom individual reference is made in detail elsewhere in this volume. Edgar J. Vaughan was reared on the old homestead farm, his rudimentary educational discipline having been received in the district schools of Lincoln township, after which he attended the public schools of Cardington and Mount Gilead.

In 1879 he was appointed Deputy County Surveyor, under J. T. Buck, having been engaged in surveying for some time prior to securing this official preferment, which came as a practical testimony to his ability in that professional line. In 1880 he came to Cardington, and for two years acted as assistant cashier of the First National Bank, being elected cashier of the institution in 1882, and having ever since acted in that important and exacting capacity.

In December, 1882, Mr. Vaughan was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Mooney, who was born in this county, her father, the late M. L. Mooney, having been an early settler in Cardington and the pioneer druggist of the place. Mrs. Vaughan received her education in the Cardington schools. To our subject and his wife two children have been born, namely: Henry W. and Edgar W.

In politics Mr. Vaughan casts his franchise in support of the Republican party and its principles. He has maintained a lively interest in educational work, and has served as a member of the Board of Education in Cardington. Fraternally he is prominently identified with the Masonic Order, retaining a membership in Cardington Lodge, No. 384, F. & A. M., and having held the office as Master of the same for four years; he is also a member of Mount Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M., and of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Vaughan is one of the progressive and public-spirited business men of Cardington, and has ever stood ready to lend influence and support to all measures and enterprises tending to conserve the growth and development of the village and the welfare of the community.

WP. VAUGHAN, who is one of the prominent attorneys of Morrow county, and who is a resident of the thriving village of Cardington, was born in Lincoln township, this county, April 17, 1862, the second child of James W. and Rachel A. (Wood) Vaughan, who are still abiding on the old homestead as old and honored citizens of the commun-

ity. It is hardly demanded at this juncture that we recapitulate the pertinent points in their life history, since the the same is given in full in an individual sketch appearing elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject was reared on the old homestead, where he remained until he had attained the age of eighteen years, his rudimentary educational discipline having been secured in the district schools of Lincoln township. In 1880 he entered the public schools of Cardington, graduating at the high school in 1882. After this he was engaged in teaching school for four winters, meeting with much success in his pedagogic efforts. He then matriculated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, this State, and there continued his literary studies for one year.

Having determined to make the profession of law his life work, in the fall of 1885 Mr. Vaughan entered the office of Judge A. K. Dunn, of Mount Gilead, pursuing his professional studies under such preceptorage until the fall of 1886, when he entered the law department of the Cincinnati College, where he completed the prescribed course, being admitted to the bar in 1887. In June of the same year he returned to Mount Gilead and remained with his old preceptor, Judge Dunn, until April 1, 1888, when he located in Cardington, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession, retaining a representative and constantly increasing clientage, and standing as one of the most capable and most thoroughly informed of the younger lawyers of the county.

Politically our subject is identified with the Republican party, and he has risen to a position of prominence in the work and the local councils of his party, being at the present time the chairman of the Morrow County Republican Central Committee. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masonic Order, retaining a membership in Cardington Lodge, No. 384, F. & A. M., and in Mount Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M.

The marriage of Mr. Vaughan was consumated in 1890, when he wedded Miss Stella Willits, who was born in Cardington township, this county, the daughter of William and Lucinda (Grandy) Willits. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Vaughan had been a teacher in the schools of the county, and had occupied in the line a position of no little prominence, having been particularly successful in her work. She entered into eternal rest June 22, 1893, leaving one son, James G.

A B. COMINS, who is one of the substantial and representative men of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, and who has shown a marked executive ability and keen discernment in the conduct of business enterprises, must assuredly be accorded attention in this connection.

He was born in Jefferson county, New York, November 8, 1840, the son of Lyman B. Comins, who likewise was a native of the Empire State, and of English extraction. He was a carpenter by trade, but in later years devoted his attention principally to the buying of live-stock and to general farming. He married Mary G. Harris, who was born August 19, 1817, in Schuyler county, New York, at a point about four miles distant from the city of Utica. Her father, Joseph Harris, was born and reared in Connecticut, being a comb-maker by trade.

Lyman B. and Mary G. Comins became the parents of six children, of whom only two lived to attain mature years, namely: A. B., our subject; and Harriet, the wife of Wade Armentrout, of Hayesville, Ashland county, this State.

A. B. Comins was the second born of the children, and when he had attained the age of nine years his parents left their Eastern home (1849) and removed to Ohio, locating at Mount Gilead, this county, where they remained for two years, after which they took up their abode in the capital city, Columbus, where the father died, in 1854. Within the same year the widowed mother of our subject disposed of her interests in Columbus and returned to Mount Gilead. Here our subject began his individual effort in the world by engaging as a clerk in the mercantile establishment of George House, with whom he remained one year. He then went to Hayesville, Ashland county, where he secured a clerkship with the mercantile firm of Armentrout & Son, remaining thus employed for a full decade, after which he was admitted to partnership,—an association which continued until 1872, when he closed out his interests in the business and returned to Mount Gilead. He had, in earlier years, learned the painter's trade, and to this line of occupation he devoted his attention after his return to Mount Gilead, having also clerked in local establishments for a time.

In 1866 was consummated his marriage to Miss Dora Moneysmith, who was born in Auburn, Indiana, April 28, 1848, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (McCreary) Moneysmith, the former of whom was of German lineage and a blacksmith by trade, and the latter of whom was a native of the Buckeye State, and of Irish extraction. Mrs. Comins was the second in order of the four children born to her parents. Our subject and his wife are the parents of one daughter, Mary E.

Mr. Comins is an ardent admirer and genuine lover of good horses, and is considered one of the best judges of horseflesh in this section. At the present time he owns twelve fine individuals of standard breeding, among them being Dandy Wilkes, a black stallion, who has made a record of 2:23¾, and Ambassador, Jr., a bay stallion, a remarkably fine individual in the pacing class, with a record of 2:20. Our subject has also in line a number of most promising colts, and is an enthusiastic turfman.

In politics he supports the Democratic party and its principles, in the broader general sense, but reserves to himself an independence which leads him to cast his ballot for men and measures, rather than to cling in a servile way to party or ring dictates. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

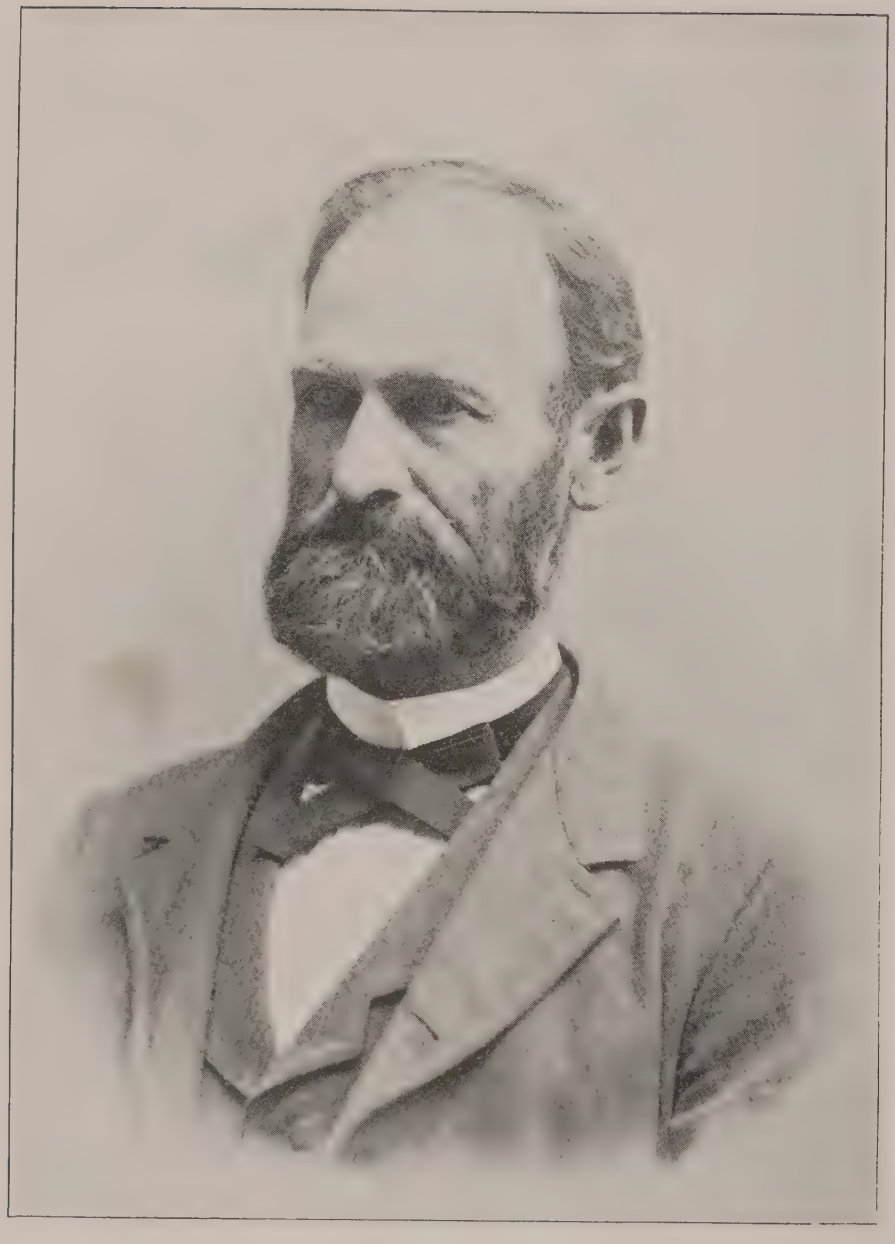
JOHN S. PECK, who figures as one of the progressive and representative business men of the attractive city of Cardington, Morrow county, and who stands at the head of one of the important industrial enterprises of the place, first saw the light of day in Clarksburg, Virginia, where he was born on the last day of January, 1832. His father was John Peck, who was born in Connecticut and there reared. He learned the trade of shoemaking and followed the same for a great many years. He married Amy Maxwell, a native of Virginia, and in 1832 the parents emigrated to Ohio and settled in the woods of Morgan township, Marion county (now Cardington town-

ship, Morrow county), and upon his forest farm the father erected a log cabin. The earliest event in his life which our subject can recall is that he went half a mile through the woods to witness the raising of that log house. The father cleared and improved the place, and after a number of years had passed, removed to Cardington and here engaged in the harness business. He later on retired from active business, and his death occurred November 19, 1873, his wife having been summoned into eternal life May 23, 1847. They were zealous members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and politically the father was a stanch Republican. He was a strong and uncompromising Union man during the late war of the Rebellion, and did much to mould public sentiment in favor of the cause which he so warmly and so ably advocated.

John and Amy (Maxwell) Peck became the parents of the following named children: Leman and a twin brother, the latter of whom died in infancy, the former's death occurring June 6, 1853; Clinton, died April 27, 1876; David B. is a resident of Cardington, and is engaged in the furniture business; John S. is the subject of this sketch; Tarleton is living a retired live in this village; Minerva J., born April 20, 1837, became the wife of G. R. Cunningham, of Cardington, July 30, 1856, and died August 12, 1864.

John S. Peck was an infant when his parents removed to Ohio, and he remained on the old homestead until he was about fourteen years of age, when he went to Delaware, this State, and there served an apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade. After his term of apprenticeship he went to Mount Gilead, where he was in the employ of C. O. Van Horn for several months, working at his trade. He then betook himself to Westfield, Morrow county, and for one year was an artisan in a fanning-mill factory conducted by Adam Wolf. He next went to Newville, DeKalb county, Indiana, and there conducted a furniture business for a period of five years. His health had become seriously impaired and he accordingly disposed of his business and returned home, where he remained for one year and then removed to La Rue, Marion county, and engaged in the ashery and furniture business, continuing the same about five years, and then, in 1863, coming to Cardington, where he bought out a little furniture store and conducted a cabinet shop in a back room, continuing the enterprise on this modest scale for some two years, when he purchased an old building which was located at a point across the railroad track, nearly opposite his present factory. Into this building he put his machinery and operated the same by horse power, utilizing a docile and venerable gray mare for the propelling of the machinery. While manufacturing furniture in these quarters he made use of the little store building on Main street as a wareroom. In 1872 he erected a substantial brick building on the site of the little frame structure, the former being the first brick business block erected on Main street.

About 1873 he relegated the old gray mare to obscurity and supplied her place with a small upright engine, and in 1876 he built the south part of his present factory, later on adding to it. In the meanwhile the little engine had proved inadequate and it was replaced by one of greater power, while in the mechanical equipment many improvements and additions have been made from time to time. The business at the factory increased to such an extent as to demand the entire attention of our subject, and for



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this reason he sold the business on Main street to his nephew, J. F. Peck, who is now deceased. Later he added a lumber yard to his business enterprise here, and continued both until 1891, when he sold the lumber yard to his nephew, afore-mentioned, and one year later sold to him the balance of the business, thereupon retiring from active business. He went to Colorado and there remained for a time, but in the fall of 1892 J. F. Peck contracted a serious illness and our subject was induced to take charge of the former's business interests until his recovery. The proprietor's illness reached a fatal termination, however, in the December following, and thereupon our subject was appointed administrator of the estate, continuing in that capacity one year, when the factory and other interests were sold to the widow of J. F. Peck, and later on our subject purchased of her a half interest in the manufactory and the lumber business. The factory manufactures furniture for the wholesale trade, and in the lumber yards are kept on hand all kinds of material for building purposes, the enterprise being one of the most important in the city.

Politically, Mr. Peck has been an active worker in the Republican party, and has held several offices of public trust. While in Indiana he held preferment as Justice of the Peace, and was Secretary and Treasurer of the School Board. He has been a member of the Republican Executive Committee of Morrow county, and has served as a member of the Cardington Common Council and the local Board of Education. He was one of the trustees of the committee which had in hand the erection, at Cardington, of the fine memorial monument to the soldiers who forfeited their lives in the service of the late war.

In 1852 Mr. Peck was united in marriage to Miss Lorinda Bartlett, a native of Westfield township, and the daughter of Esquire Lester Bartlett. The date of her birth was August 18, 1835, and her education was received in the schools of Westfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Peck have had no children, but they have an adopted son, Virgil W., a son of D. B. Peck, and a young man of great promise. For the past two years he has been a student in the Colorado University, at Denver. Mrs. Peck is a most devoted member and zealous worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally, our subject is identified with the Masonic order, retaining a membership in the Chapter at Mount Gilead.

WILLIAM WILTON BALES.—In the present connection we shall revert to the lives of two brothers who are themselves prominent and honored residents of Allen township, Union county, and who are conspicuous, in a further sense, as representatives of one of the leading pioneer families of this section of the favored Buckeye commonwealth. The history engendered in a personal way by the family identification with the annals of the section is one which is prolific in interest and instruction, and is one which the publishers consider well worthy of particular attention in this volume.

"Crab Orchards," as the Bales homestead has been most consistently known for a long period of years, figures as the birthplace of William Wilton Bales, who still maintains his home thereon, having been born June 26, 1840. His father, the late William Bales, was one of the most prominent of the pioneer settlers of Union county,

and was a man who enjoyed a distinctive prestige during the term of his life by reason of his ability, enterprising spirit and unswerving integrity. He was a native son of New England, having been born in Hillsborough county, New Hampshire, January 9, 1809, the son of William L. Bales, who was born in Vermont, and who in turn was the son of an illustrious sire, also William by name, who was an active participant in the war of the Revolution, serving under General Washington. The father of the last named William Bales was pressed into the British army and compelled to serve therein for a time, but he ultimately escaped and gave himself to the bearing of arms against his whilom but distasteful comrades of the English forces. The Bales family came to Ohio from New England in 1838, making the long and weary journey with team and wagon. William Bales, father of our subject, was reared on a farm in his native State and received his scholastic discipline in the public schools. February 1, 1838, he wedded Sarah Cavender, who was born in New Hampshire, and who came from an old and honored family, being the daughter of James and Rachel Cavender, who were of Irish extraction, the former having been a valiant soldier in the war of the Revolution. In the year of their marriage they accompanied other members of the Bales family on their journey to the Western wilds of the Buckeye State, and they passed the autumn succeeding their arrival, at Sunbury, Delaware county, and then located in Newton, Union county, where they remained one year, at the expiration of which time they settled in the woods of Allen township, where they built a sawmill and a log cabin, and where they eventually developed one of the finest farms in this section of the State, giving to the same the name of "Crab Orchards," which has ever since been retained, as has also the place in the possession of the family, the old homestead being the present place of residence of our subject. The farm reclaimed and developed by the original members of the family comprised 400 acres, located on the line of the old stage road between Columbus and Fort Wayne, and the Bales home was a wayside inn or a tavern of the old familiar and attractive type, and from its hospitable doors no wayworn traveler was ever turned away,—rich and poor, saint and sinner, Jew and Gentile, were alike made welcome and permitted to share in the hospitality of the genial hosts of the primitive caravansary.

William Bales, father of our subject, was for two decades the incumbent as Postmaster at the little hamlet of Coberly, and was a man of distinctive influence in the community, where his advice and counsel were held in the highest regard. He was one of the first in this section to engage in the breeding and sale of Morgan horses, and brought the original individuals in this well-known and popular line from Vermont. He was successful in his business ventures and accumulated a fine property, owning land in Illinois, in addition to his extensive realty interests in this county. During the late Mexican war he served as Captain of militia, having raised a company, which, however, was not called into action by reason of the closing of the war before they reached the front.

William and Sarah (Cavender) Bales became the parents of ten children, of whom we make record as follows: William Wilton is the subject of this review; Walter Warren is associated with his brother in busi-

ness, and to him individual reference is made farther on in this sketch; Charles Clifford resides in Illinois; Mary M. is the wife of O. N. Carter, of Linn county, Kansas; Rosa is the wife of O. W. Inskeep, of Linn county, Kansas; Frank is a resident of Champaign county, Ohio; Burnham C. is a resident of Marysville, Ohio; Sarah is the wife of C. W. Brodrick, of Champaign county, Ohio; George died at the age of twenty-three years; and Rachel R. passed away at the age of eighteen months.

The honored father of our subject was summoned into eternal rest, September 1, 1878, at the age of sixty-nine years and eight months, and his widow died November 11, 1885, at the age of sixty-seven. In their religious adherency they were Adventists. The father of William Bales, William L., lived to attain a remarkable longevity, dying at the old homestead in this county, at the venerable age of ninety-seven years, and his widow lived to be ninety-five. Their wedded life extended over the notable span of seventy-three years, and during all this long period they were never absent from one another for two weeks. They were the parents of nine children.

William Wilton Bales, the immediate subject of this review, was reared on the beautiful old homestead and received his education in the district schools, and in a commercial college at Columbus. He passed three seasons in De Witt county, Illinois, taking horses to that locality to be sold, in the years 1860, '61 and '63.

At the present time there is retained in "Crab Orchards," the old homestead, 200 acres of rich and productive land, thoroughly well improved. The attractive old family home, erected in 1844, is a substantial and commodious structure, and is pervaded in its very environments with the atmosphere of a true home, hallowed with association. Among other excellent permanent improvements in evidence is a fine barn, 36x50 feet, with a basement for the accommodation of stock, of which a general line of standard breeds is kept on the place. Natural springs about the farm furnish an adequate supply of pure, limpid water for stock. The magnificent orchard is renowned as one of the best and largest in the State, there being 1,400 apple and 600 peach trees. The soil has proved to be particularly well adapted to the cultivation of all fruits native to this latitude. Among other varieties, there are 1,000 trees of the Whitney or No. 20 crab, one of the best known and most popular apples grown in the United States.

December 24, 1879, William Winter Bales was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Dunn, a woman of culture and innate refinement. She was born in Rush township, Champaign county, this State, the daughter of Nelson and Mary (Garwood) Dunn, the former of whom was a native of Champaign county, and the latter, who was the daughter of Joseph and Adaline Garwood, was born in Logan county. They had two children: Hiram G. and Virginia, wife of our subject.

Mr. Bales is one of the leading men of the township, and has ever been a prime factor in lending impetus to such enterprises and fostering such institutions as tend to conserve the higher welfare of the community. He has been the incumbent as President of the Board of Education for a term of many years. Politically, he lends influence and practical support to the Populist party. Personally, he is a man of quick intelligence and broad mental grasp, is frank and cordial in bearing, and enjoys that respect

and esteem that are ever awarded to the one deserving of such recognition.

As exemplifying the public spirit of William W., it may be stated that he built some of the first pike road ever constructed in this county, which now has the distinctive honor of having the best system of turnpikes of any county in the State.

WALTER WARREN BALES, who is associated with his brother in the conduct of the old homestead farm, was born thereon, October 11, 1842, and here grew to maturity, receiving his educational discipline in the public schools of the locality. He married Miss Victoria Inskeep, daughter of William and Mary Inskeep, and of this union seven children were born, namely: Forest, Minnie (deceased), Frank, Walter, May, Jenny and Emma Maude. Walter W. and family resided in De Witt county, Illinois, from 1870 until 1881, and Mrs. Bales entered into eternal rest on the 2d of May, 1882. To the children thus bereft Mrs. William W. Bales has proved a devoted foster-mother, and to her they have granted a true filial affection.

Walter W. Bales is identified with the Masonic order, retaining a membership in Blazing Star Lodge, of North Lewisburg, which village is the postoffice address of the occupants of "Crab Orchards."

WILLIAM TABER, who has contributed a due quota toward the agricultural development of Morrow county, Ohio, and who is now living in retirement at Edison, is one of the old pioneer residents of the county and one honored and esteemed in the community.

His father, Thomas Taber, was a native of Montpelier, Vermont, and was a farmer by occupation. He was a son of one whose full patronymic he bore, Thomas Taber, who was born March 26, 1747, was a blacksmith by trade and married Hannah Davis. The family had been one of prominence in New England from the time that the original American ancestor, Philip Taber, came here and settled near Boston, Massachusetts, —this being prior to 1634. He was one of the first settlers at Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and was a member of the first Legislative Assembly of Plymouth Colony,—1639–'40. In 1661 he was a member of the Government Council of Providence. He married Lydia Masters.

The father of our subject was born October 17, 1796, and August 10, 1818, he married Miriam Worth, who was born February 7, 1799. They remained in Vermont until the fall of 1836, when they emigrated to Ohio and settled on a tract of land in Gilead township, this county (then Marion county), at a point somewhat northwest of the present city of Mount Gilead, where they remained over one year. He then bought a piece of densely wooded land adjoining Canaan township, building there a log cabin, in which the family took up their abode. He died May 12, 1843, and his widow passed away in 1860. They were the parents of seven boys and two girls, of whom five are living at the present time, namely: William, Nathan, Freeman, Thomas Elwood, and Lewis. The parents were members of that noble organization, the Society of Friends.

William Taber, the subject of this review, was born July 2, 1819, at Cobin Hill, Addison county, Vermont, and the house in which he was born bore an un-

canny repute, being said to be haunted. He was seventeen years of age when the family came to Ohio, his education having been received in the subscription schools of his native State. His father, whose educational advantages had been very meagre, appreciated their value, and he did not deny his children such opportunities as were in his power to grant. Our subject went to Mount Gilead after his arrival here and there worked for Dr. Roberts during the summer, attending school during the winter months. After this he went to the paternal home and lent his aid to clearing and improving the same. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age, and then began to work out for others by the month, continuing to be thus employed for two years. He then cleared a piece of land on his father's farm and sowed the same to wheat. He had been in the employ of Daniel and David Osborn, and through the advice of those gentleman he returned home and gave his attention to caring for his father until the time of the latter's death. He assumed the management of the farm and brought it into effective cultivation, purchasing the interests of the other heirs after the death of his father, He subsequently added eighty acres to his landed estate.

Mr. Taber gave his attention to the operation of the farm until 1881, when he was incapacitated for active labor as the result of injuries received in being thrown from a mowing machine, and he thereupon came to Edison and purchased an attractive residence, where he has since continued to abide in the devoted companionship of his wife, who has been his faithful helpmeet during all the long years of their married life.

June 28, 1845, Mr. Taber joined hand and heart with Miss Sarah Hickok, daughter of Harry and Hannah (Macomber) Hickok, both natives of Saratoga county, New York, where they were married. In 1825 they settled south of Fitchville, Huron county, Ohio, and there remained until their death. The father came on foot all the way from Saratoga Springs, New York, to this State, where he located his claim before bringing his family. The mother died in the spring of 1826 and the father survived many years, and died in Illinois at an advanced age. They were the parents of three boys and four girls, and five of the number are now living.

Mrs. Taber was born September 27, 1825, in Huron county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated. Our subject and wife became the parents of four children, of whom only one survives, William Lloyd Garrison Taber, who was born July 10, 1849, married Olive Silverthorn, has two children, and lives on the paternal homestead. One daughter of our subject Oria, born February 10, 1853, became the wife of John Ashbaugh, and she died June 28, 1890, leaving three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Taber are consistent members of the Society of Friends, and politically our subject was originally a radical Abolitionist, but for the past twenty years he has been an ardent Prohibitionist, his being one of the first three ballots cast for that cause in this township. His first presidential vote was cast for William Henry Harrison. During the war he was an active worker in the service of the "under-ground railway" and his home was one of the "stations" of that effective system. He has taken an active interest in educational work and has served as School Director,—the only office he has consented to accept. He

is a man of unwavering honor and integrity, and in his advanced years retains the respect and veneration of the community.

JAMES W. VAUGHAN, one of the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio, and one whose ancestral history touches not only the period which marked the initial stages in the settlement and development of the Buckeye State, but also traces in direct line to those who were prominent in the Colonial history of our country, must of a surety be accorded a position of prominence in this work.

His father was Matthew Vaughan, who was born November 20, 1784, in Isle of Wight county, Virginia, son of Matthew Vaughan, who came from Wales, his native land, in company with two brothers. The family at the present day have no records by which the subsequent history of these two brothers may be traced. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer or planter in the Old Dominion State, and his death occurred prior to the war of 1812. He had four sons, all of whom are now deceased. The father of our subject was reared on the old homestead in Virginia, and remained there until after he had attained his majority. In 1808 he came to Stark county, Ohio, establishing his home in the forest wilds, and remaining there until he had cleared and improved a fine farm. In 1812 he was united in marriage to Phœbe Pennock, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1785, a daughter of William Pennock, who was a Friend, or Quaker, and a native of Pennsylvania. He removed from that State to Bedford county, Virginia, when the mother of our subject was yet a child of six years, where she grew to maturity, and later he took up his abode in Stark county, Ohio. In 1851 Matthew and Phœbe Vaughan removed from the farm which they had developed in Stark county, and took up their abode in Morrow county, settling on the farm which is now the home of their son, our subject. Here the mother died, November 15, 1869, and the father on the 29th of August, 1878.

Reverting to the history of the Pennock family, we find that the original American ancestor was one Christopher Pennock, who was a farmer, and who was married prior to 1675. He was an officer in the military service of William of Orange. He emigrated to the north of England, where he remained for a time and then set sail for the New World, taking up his residence in Pennsylvania prior to 1685. He was in the service of King William at the battle of the Boyne. He died in Philadelphia, in the year 1701. His son Joseph, who is the direct ancestor of this family, was born in 1677, and was taken a prisoner by a French vessel of war while on his way to America, but was eventually set free. As early as 1702 he was engaged in mercantile business at Philadelphia, and in 1714 he removed to West Marlborough, Pennsylvania, and settled upon a large tract of land of which he had secured possession by virtue of a grant which had been made to his grandfather, George Collet, by William Penn. Here, in 1738, he erected a large mansion, "Primitive Hall," and here maintained his residence until his death, in 1771. His son William was the father of a son who bore the same Christian name, and who was the father of our subject's mother.

Matthew and Phoebe Vaughan became the parents of ten children, concerning

whom we are enabled to offer the following brief record: Rebecca, born October 2, 1813, died October 7, 1840; Mary, born January 2, 1815, is the widow of John Ellison, has three children and is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; William, born November 1, 1816, died March 17, 1817; Hannah, born December 21, 1817, became the wife of William Ellison, had three children, and died in June, 1849; Dr. John, born May 22, 1819, was twice married and had one child by each wife, meeting his death in 1851, at Salt Lake City, where he was murdered by Mormons; Jane, born February 3, 1821, is the wife of Francis Carr, of Stark county, this State, and has two children; Phoebe, born January 3, 1823, died January 17, 1845; Esther, born November 17, 1824, died April 14, 1847; Lydia, born January 9, 1827, became the wife of Henry Peet, now deceased, and was the mother of five children, her demise occurring August 11, 1869; and James W., the youngest in the family, is the immediate subject of this review. Both parents were devoted members of the Friends' Church and society; in politics the father was originally a Whig, but espoused the Republican cause on the organization of that party, having taken an active interest in political matters. He was drafted for service in the war of 1812, but was never called out.

James W. Vaughan was born March 5, 1832, in the town of Marlborough, Stark county, Ohio, said village having been laid out by his grandfather. His educational training was received in the public schools and the academy in his native town, and he made his home beneath the parental roof until the time of his marriage, this important event in his life occurring August 31, 1853, when he wedded Rachel Ann Wood, who was born on the old Wood homestead, in Gilead township, Morrow county, the daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Ashton) Wood, whose history is more definitely traced in connection with the sketch of their son, Thomas A. Wood, as appearing on another page of this volume. The date of her nativity was July 25, 1833, and her education was received in select schools and in Mt. Hesper Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan became the parents of four children, as follows: Edgar J., born August 9, 1857, married Mary L. Mooney, and has two children, Henry and Edgar: he is cashier of the First National Bank of Cardington, this county, and to him individual reference is made on another page; William P., born April 17, 1862, is a prominent attorney at Cardington, and is the subject of an individual sketch in this volume: he married Stella Willitts, who is now deceased, having been the mother of one child, James G.; Mary N., born January 13, 1864, is the wife of C. F. Osborn, of Lincoln township, and is the mother of two children, Walter V. and Jeanne R.; Walter W., born February 7, 1866, married Mina Chase, and retains a residence on the paternal homestead. The children of our subject all received exceptional educational advantages, and the sons all put their acquirements to a practical test by teaching school for greater or less intervals.

Mr. Vaughan has a finely improved farm of 140 acres, and has devoted his attention to general farming, having also been successful in stock raising. He has at the present time a fine herd of Red Polled cattle. Politically he is a stalwart and uncompromising Republican and has frequently been a delegate to conventions of his party. He has served as Trustee of Lincoln township,

and was a director of the county infirmary for a period of six years. He is a man of broad mentality and has naturally wielded a marked influence in the community, contributing in many ways to its advancement and stable prosperity. His interest in educational work has been unflagging, and he has served as School Director. On the whole, Mr. Vaughan is one of the honored men of the county.

WM. LOWTHER, deceased.—He to whom this memoir is dedicated was for many years one of the leading and most prosperous farmers of Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, and was such a man as is particularly worthy of biographic honors.

Mr. Lowther was born in Athens county, Ohio, May 14, 1822, the son of William Lowther, who was one of the pioneers of the Buckeye State. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Mary Magdalena Foust, and she was a mere child when her father, Jacob Foust, came to Morrow county and settled in the immediate vicinity of Cardington. By her marriage to Mr. Lowther she had two children: W. M., the immediate subject of this review; and Samuel. After the death of our subject's father, his mother consummated a second marriage, being united to Jesse Foust, who is now deceased.

Our subject, while still but a mere lad, was compelled to devote himself to consecutive and arduous labor in order to aid in supporting his mother and her family of children by the second marriage. He remained at home until the time of his marriage, November 5, 1845, when he was united to Lucinda Bowyer. They became the parents of three children, namely: Henry B., Greenville J., and Madison W. After the death of his first wife Mr. Lowther married Sarah J. Shaw, who became the mother of two children: Loren S., and Laura E. Sarah J. Lowther died in January, 1879, and February 12, 1880, our subject consummated a third marriage, being then united to Mary A. Peak, who was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, February 21, 1842, the daughter of Ziba Peak, who was a native of the State of Vermont, and the son of John Peak, who was also born in the old Green Mountain State, being of English extraction. He and two of his sons were active participants in the war of 1812. The mother of Mrs. Mary A. Lowther was a native of Vermont and was there reared to womanhood, her maiden name having been Amanda Torry. Her father, Ezra Torry, was born in Vermont and was of English descent. The parents of Mrs. Lowther were married in Westfield township, before the same had been separated from Delaware county and included in the present county of Morrow. They both came to the county when young and after their marriage continued their residence in the same township. The father died in his seventy-ninth year, and the mother still survives at the venerable age of ninety years. They were the parents of five children, concerning whom we offer the following record: the eldest died in infancy; Eliza M. is the wife of A. W. Bartlett, of Brown township, Delaware county, Ohio; Julia C. is the wife of J. W. Mosher, of Edison, Morrow county; Mary A. is the widow of the subject of this review; and William T. is a resident of Westfield, Morrow county, Ohio.

Mrs. Lowther received her preliminary education in the district schools of Westfield township, and later attended the public schools of Ashley and Cardington. By his last marriage Mr. Lowther had no children. His death occurred June 15, 1892, and in his passing away the community lost one of its most honored citizens and one of its most conscientious and able men,—one whose life had been true to high ideals and one whose character was above reproach.

In politics Mr. Lowther originally lent his influence and support to the Democratic party, but in later years he was a stanch advocate of the principles and policies advanced by the Republican party. He was essentially one of those courageous and indomitable men who achieve success as the result of their own efforts and intelligence, and he left a competency to his heirs.

In the will of her late husband Mrs. Lowther was named as executrix of the estate, and she now retains control of 284 acres of land, representing the fine farming tract accumulated by the subject of this memoir. She is a woman of much intellectual force and rare discrimination in regard to affairs of business, and the estate could not have been placed in control of one who would administer its affairs more carefully and conscientiously.

MAHLON GANO, who is one of the venerable and honored citizens of Cardington, Morrow county, and who has devoted the major portion of his days to the noble art of husbandry, is now living in that peaceful retirement which is his due after the long years of toil and endeavor.

His father, David Gano, was a native of Hampshire county, Virginia (now West Virginia), where he was born August 24, 1775, living there until he had attained man's estate, devoting himself to work on the farm of his father, who was of Irish extraction. David Gano was called out for service in the war of 1812. He married Elizabeth Schanck, who was born in Virginia, April 15, 1782, a daughter of Steven Schanck, of Holland-Dutch descent. The marriage of our subject's parents was consummated in their native State, and they emigrated to Ohio prior to 1806, settling in Palmyra township, Portage county, at a time when it was still a forest wild, with Indians, wolves, bears, etc., much in evidence. Here they developed a fine farm, remaining there for the residue of their days. The father died in 1861 or '62, and the mother survived until August 6, 1875. They became the parents of fourteen children, of which number twelve grew to maturity, but all of whom are now deceased except our subject and his sister Elizabeth, who lives in Michigan. One brother, Elisha, was an officer in an Illinois regiment during the late war of the Rebellion. The mother of our subject was a devoted member of the Disciple Church.

Mahlon Gano, to whom this review is dedicated, was born on the old parental homestead, in Portage county, this State, December 16, 1817, and there remained until he had attained mature years. He had been enabled to attend the subscription schools for a few weeks, but his educational discipline was cut very short, inasmuch as while he was still a mere boy his services were called into demand in the work of grubbing out brush on the farm and in other duties incidental to the reclaiming and improvement of the pioneer farm.

He remained at home until the time of his marriage, which event was celebrated December 30, 1841, when he was united to Miss Mary Ann Case, who was a native of Hampshire county, Virginia, and a daughter of Jacob and Penelope (West) Case, both of whom were born in the Old Dominion State,—the former October 25, 1794, and the latter March 2, 1802. Their marriage was one of romantic order, since they compassed an elopement and were wedded in Maryland. They settled in their native State, and there remained until 1836, when they came to Ohio and took up their residence in Portage county, where they remained until the death of the husband and father, October 20, 1869. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His widow survived until April 11, 1880, passing away at a venerable age. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom ten grew to maturity and six still survive. The date of Mrs. Gano's birth was May 7, 1822.

In 1842 our subject and his wife came to Morrow (then Delaware) county, and took up their abode on a heavily timbered farm of 100 acres, in Lincoln township, there being no roads cut through at that time, and settlers being few and far between. Mr. Gano's worldly possessions at that time were summed up in his farm and $300 in cash. He built a log cabin, 18 x 20 feet in dimensions and one story in height, the roof being covered with rough, split clapboards, and here he and his wife lived during the first summer, without the conveniences of doors, windows or chimney. In the broad, fertile acres of his present farm one can see but slight resemblance to what it must have been in those early days. He effected the clearing of the entire place, with the exception of five acres, and all the improvements on the farm were made by him. They lived on the old place about thirty years, and then, in 1871, came to Cardington. In Cardington township he owned a piece of land, and on this he erected a large dwelling-house, but his present fine brick residence he purchased, the same being one of the most attractive homes in the locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Gano became the parents of twelve children, of whom only four are living at the present time, namely: Minerva A., born October 14, 1842, is the widow of Spencer Wheeler, resides in Cardington and has two children, Annie Richardson and Elba Ernest; Betsey, born December 12, 1845; Martha Ellen, born March 8, 1856, is the wife of Smith Yant, of Richland county, and has two children, Alfred Mahlon and Clyde S.; and Lois Belle, born July 31, 1861, is the wife of James Slicer, of Cardington, and has one child, Blanche.

Our subject and his wife have been prominently identified with the Christian Church for forty years, and the former was a Deacon in the same for a number of years. He has served as School Director, has been ever interested in educational matters and gave his children the advantages of those opportunities which he had been denied in his youth. Politically Mr. Gano was originally a Democrat, but he soon severed his allegiance to that party and has ever since supported the Republican party. He has invariably refused to accept anything in the line of political office.

He was bereaved in the loss of his wife October 7, 1894, they having lived together contentedly and happily for a period of nearly fifty-three years. She always performed her share in the struggle of their pioneer days and together they enjoyed their

prosperity. She was a kind and indulgent mother and a devoted and ecomonical wife.

A man of marked intelligence and one whose days have ever left the impress of his honorable and upright character, he is held in the highest esteem in the community where he has lived for so many years, being unlike the prophet, and not without honor in his own country.

JAMES M. PRINGLE, a farmer of Cardington township, Morrow county, was born in Delaware county, one and a half miles from Sunbury, August 6, 1820, a son of Daniel Pringle, a native of Pennsylvania. The latter's father, James Pringle, was a native of Connecticut, where his father located in an early day. The mother of our subject, *née* Deliverance Rogers, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joel Rogers, a native of Connecticut, who was taken a prisoner in the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pringle were married in Pennsylvania, and remained on a farm in that State until coming to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1820. They purchased a farm near Sunbury, paying $1.25 per acre, and remained there until 1829, then moved to Westfield township, the father dying in his eighty-second year, and the mother in her fifty-fifth year.

James M. Pringle, one of twelve children, and the only one surviving, was reared in Delaware county. He now owns 106 acres of fine farming land in Cardington township, Morrow county, where he is engaged in general farming. He has been a life-long Republican, his first Presidential vote having been cast for William Henry Harrison. He has served many years as School Director. In his religious views Mr. Pringle has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since fifteen years of age, in which he has served as class leader and steward for thirty-five years, has always been a liberal contributor to the cause, and has helped build many of the present church buildings.

June 12, 1842, Mr. Pringle was united in marriage with Mary Ann White, a native of Morrow, then Marion county, Ohio, a daughter of Noah and Fanny (Newton) White, natives of New York. They came to this county at an early day. Mrs. Pringle died May 17, 1881. In 1883 our subject married Margaret J. Carter, a native of Belmont county, this State, and a daughter of Joel and Harriet Carter, natives respectively of Harford county, Maryland, and Virginia. They were among the early settlers of Belmont county, but in 1865 removed to Morrow county.

SILAS W. FOWLER, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Delaware, was born on the 22d of October, 1847, in Greene county, New York, which was also the birthplace of his father, Charles M. Fowler. During his infancy his parents removed to New Philadelphia, where his mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Gray, was born. After a short time they went to Delaware county, locating in Porter township.

The Doctor spent the days of his boyhood and youth at farm work and in attendance on the district schools of the neighborhood until fourteen years of age, when he entered Central College, of Franklin county, Ohio. There he completed an academic course of study, but ere that work was ac-

complished he had to leave school and engage in teaching in order to secure the means to continue his education. When a youth of only sixteen he was employed as the teacher of one of the largest schools in the northern part of Franklin county, and remained in charge for two years. He then refused to teach longer even at an advanced salary, although earnestly solicited by the school directors to do so.

Obtaining the consent of his father, in 1864, the Doctor, then a young man of seventeen years, entered the army as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guards. On his return home in the succeeding autumn he entered the college at Oberlin, Ohio, and in the spring of 1868, he took up the study of medicine in the office of Dr. John W. Russell, of Mount Vernon. There he began fitting himself for his life work, and thorough preparation has made him an able practitioner. In 1869-'70 he was a student in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and in 1871 was graduated at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

Immediately after his graduation, Dr. Fowler came to Delaware, where in the meantime his father had located, and since has engaged in practice at this place. He has been a frequent contributor during his professional career to various medical and scientific journals, writing many able articles. He belongs to the Delaware County Medical Society, the Central Ohio Medical Association, the Ohio Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the International Medical Congress. To the last named he was sent as delegate from the American Medical Association in 1887, the convention being held at Washington, District of Columbia, and again he was made a delegate from the same association to the congress which met in Rome, Italy, in 1893. He was a member of United States Board of Pension Examiners, under President Harrison.

In 1886, Dr. Fowler led to the marriage altar Miss Iza May Vail, the only daughter of Judge I. C. Vail. She is a highly educated and accomplished lady, who was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in the class of 1888. The Doctor and his wife are prominent people of the community and hold an enviable position in social circles.

ANSON S. WOOD, a farmer of Peru township, and familiarly known as "Uncle Anson," was born in Onondaga county, New York, July 20, 1825. His father, Ebenezer Wood, a native of Vermont, came to Delaware (now Morrow) county in 1831, locating on the farm where our subject now resides, then in the dense woods. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county. Our subject's mother, *nèe* Jerusha Agnes Halsted, was a native of Rhode Island, and of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Wood were married in New York, and died in Morrow county, Ohio, the former at the age of eighty years, and the latter at the age of ninety-one years. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, all but one of whom reached maturity, namely: Reuben, Almira and Nancy, deceased; Almon, of Worthington, Ohio; Enos, deceased; and Anson S., the subject of this sketch.

The last was six years of age when he came to Morrow county, and was reared on the farm where he now resides, receiving his education in the log school-house. He has eighty-one acres of fine farming land.

When his father lived on the place it contained a log cabin, 10 x 12 feet, with no doors or windows.

July 4, 1847, Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Isabel Morehouse, who was born in New Jersey in 1829, and came to Delaware county with her parents at the age of six years. Her parents were Daniel and Polly (Force) Morehouse, natives respectively of New Jersey and New York. Our subject and wife have had the following children: Melville, of Hardin county; Almira, wife of W. M. Waters, of Ashley, Ohio; Ocean, wife of Michael Fox, of Eden Station; Ebenezer; Albert, deceased; Sarah, wife of Charles Shoemaker, of Ashley, this State; Eunice, deceased; Cora, wife of Alexander Coomer, of Delaware county; Minnie, deceased; W. F. married Vine Denis, and lives at Marengo, Morrow county; and Vestia, who married Roscoe Welch, is also living in Marengo.

HENRY V. SPICER, a prominent lawyer and well-known citizen of Richwood, was born in York township, this county, January 10, 1863, a son of David W. and Keziah (Ross) Spicer. The father was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, September 13, 1822, and was a son of Jonathan and Levinah Spicer, natives of Pennsylvania and pioneer settlers in Muskingum county. Jonathan Spicer's father served through the Revolutionary war, in which he received three wounds.

David W. Spicer was raised on a farm, receiving a liberal common-school education. June 22, 1848, in Muskingum county, he was united in marriage with Miss Keziah Ross, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, May 20, 1825. He died on his farm in York township, July 26, 1892. She is still living on the home place in York township. Jane Spicer, a sister of David W. Spicer, married Levi Whaley, of this county. Catherine Spicer, the second sister, married William Howell. They moved to La Salle county, Illinois, where their children now reside. Adeline, another sister, married John Harriman, of Muskingum county, Ohio. The brothers of David W. Spicer were: Ellison, William, and Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. David W. Spicer had nine children, namely: Jane E., Emily C., Joseph L., Franklin D., Henry V., Alexander J., Minnie D., William and Isabella. Jane E. is the wife of O. E. McAllister, a farmer of Taylor township. They have one child, Mertie V., aged twenty years, who recently married Allen Laughrey, also a resident of Taylor township. Emily C. married A. J. Middlesworth, a farmer near Byhalia, Washington township; Joseph L. resides on the home place in York township; Franklin D. is a teacher by occupation, and a resident of Richwood; Alexander J. is engaged in the fire-insurance and real-estate business in West Mansfield, Logan county, Ohio; Minnie, wife of J. S. McGinnis, of York township, was married June 20, 1894; William and Isabella, deceased in youth.

Dr. Joseph N. Ross, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Holmes county, Ohio. He was one of the early settlers in Claiborne township, and was the second physician to locate in Richwood. His death occurred December 25, 1869, aged eighty-two years. He was a Democrat in his political views. The Doctor was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was three times wounded. An ounce ball which had passed through his right lung remained in his body until his death. He was

twice married. His first wife, *née* Mary E. Long, died near Ft. Wayne, Indiana, when thirty-nine years of age, from the effects of a bite of a spider. His second wife, Eliza Murphy, aged seventy-two years, is a resident of Richwood. Dr. Ross was a prominent Mason, being a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, the oldest Masonic lodge in Richwood, organized in 1858, in the log house of Mr. Ross. He came from Zanesville to Richwood in 1840. Dr. Joseph Ross had seven children by his first wife: Emily Manchester, William Ross, Phoebe Balsley, Hiram Ross, Elizabeth Wynegar, Keziah Spicer and James A. Ross.

James A. Ross, a son of Dr. Ross, was born in Holmes county, November 9, 1829, and resides on a farm east of Richwood. October 27, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Headley, born January 4, 1833. Her parents, Isaac and Sarah Headley, were natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ross have had three children,—Laura, wife of L. O. Slemmins; Lawrence, who was accidently shot and killed December 18, 1878; and Imogene, at home.

Henry V. Spicer, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the home farm in York township. During his boyhood he shared in the farm work, attending the country schools a portion of each year. In 1881 he became a student of the Oberlin College, remaining there one year, and during the years 1885-6 he attended the Wesleyan University, at Delaware. He taught school and ably edited the Educational Sun for six years, from 1887 to 1893. Mr. Spicer has traveled through all the northern and northwestern States to the Pacific ocean. Having read law for nearly a year, he then entered the law department of the Cincinnati College, at which he graduated May 31, 1893, and was admitted to the bar on the following day. Soon after his admission he began the practice of his profession in Richwood. Being a native of Union county, Mr. Spicer enjoys a wide acquaintance among the people, which has contributed greatly to his success, and has given him a good and growing practice. He has every reason to look forward to a bright and prosperous future.

Mr. Spicer was married January 18, 1894, in the Grace Methodist Protestant Church, at Cincinnati, to Miss Lillian Kohl, born February 28, 1869, in Glendale, a suburb of that city, a daughter of Charles C. and Julia A. Kohl. The ceremony, which was an impressive one, was performed in the presence of five hundred witnesses, who were friends of the contracting parties. Her father was a real-estate and bond broker for a number of years. He died about twenty years ago at his home in Glendale. Her mother, who is a first cousin of Mrs. Murat Halstead, is living with her son, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Kohl was the first pupil who ever entered the Cincinnati high school. Her father was the leading book publisher of Cincinnati (Mr. Conkling). Mrs. Spicer is a lady of culture and refinement, and a graduate of the Cincinnati high school. She is associated with all social matters of Richwood and is a member of the Ladies' Literary Society, which is composed of the elite ladies of the town. She has two brothers, Charles N. and Edwin C. The former is a bookkeeper in Chicago. Being a widower, he then married a second time, and his only child, Gladys, nine years of age, makes her home with Mr. Spicer. Edwin served for several years as shipswriter in the United States Navy, and

now resides in Erie, Pennsylvania. While in the navy he traveled in all the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa, visiting Palestine and the Bible countries.

Mr. Spicer is a member of York Lodge, No. 672, I. O. O. F., at Summerville, also of Encampment No. 182, and of Rising Sun Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Richwood. He is a Democrat in political matters, but is liberal in his views on all questions of the day. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Richwood, to which church he has belonged for eleven years. Mrs. Spicer, who has been a member of Grace Church, at Cincinnati, for years, united with the church of her husband, when she came to Richwood.

SAMUEL BENNETT, who is one of the old and honored residents of Cardington township, Morrow county, and whose fine farm home is located on section No. 11, stands as the representative of families early settled in the Buckeye State, and as one particularly eligible for biographic honors.

His father was James Bennett, who was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he was ushered into the world February 16, 1784, being the son of Isaac Bennett, who likewise was a native son of the old Keystone State, Bucks county, born November 7, 1762. He married Edith Leffert, born April 19, 1759. He was too young to be accepted for service at the time of the precipitation of the great Revolutionary conflict, but he was on his way to join the Colonial army at the time the war closed. Isaac Bennett came to Ohio, first locating in Jefferson county, then in Coshocton county, and subsequently coming to the home of his son, the father of our subject, where he died November 20, 1849.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Lydia Hardenbrook, and she was the daughter of Ludwig Hardenbrook, who came to Ohio in 1816, and settled in what is now Franklin township, Morrow county, then Knox, remaining in the county until the hour of his death. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and four or five of his sons bore arms in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject was born in Virginia, near the northwestern State line, the date of her birth having been June 19, 1789.

James Bennett and Lydia Hardenbrook were married in Jefferson county, Ohio, and there remained until 1823, when they removed to what is now Morrow county and settled in Gilead township, where the father of our subject entered claim to eighty acres of land, and, in addition to this, purchased fifty acres of his father-in-law, there being at the time but few settlers in this locality. This farm now comprises 244 acres, which is in a high state of cultivation, it being one of the first places settled in this part of the county, and the fine residence and buildings have been erected by our subject, who, in his early life, assisted in clearing and improving the old homestead where he was reared. The father remained on this farm until he died, January 27, 1856, his widow passing away July 10, 1861. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity and five of whom are living at the present time, namely: Louis is a resident of North Dakota; Ann is the wife of M. L. Pinkley, of Rockford, Illinois; Magdalene H. is the widow of George Johnson, and is a resident of Warren county, Iowa; Lydia is the widow of Russell Hyde, and resides in Michigan; and Samuel is the subject

of this review. The parents were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church, and were people of intelligence and spotless character.

Samuel Bennett was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, March 2, 1822, and was but an infant when his parents removed to what is now Morrow county, and here he has virtually passed his entire life. He grew to man's estate on the old farm in the forest, while the red men yet found abode in the forest wilds of this section. Our subject had but little opportunity for acquiring an education, beginning to do hard manual labor while but a boy of seven or eight years. With devoted filial solicitude he remained on the old farm until he had attained the age of twenty-three years, caring for his parents in their declining days. In the meantime he had valiantly faced the problems of life and had assumed the responsibilities of the marital state. In the spring of 1845 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bovey, a native of Maryland, and a daughter of Jacob Bovey. After his marriage Mr. Bennett settled on his present farm, which he afterward purchased of Peleg and Robert Mosier. The farm was formerly the property of his father-in-law, and here he has continued to abide for a full half century, his loved and devoted wife being his constant companion and his earnest helpmeet until April 22, 1890, when she was called into eternal rest, after having played well her part in life. Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Protestant Methodist Church. They became the parents of five children, four of whom are now living, namely: John Clark Bennett, who married Sarah E. Crawford, and who lives in this township; Hiram Clinton, who married Henrietta Pugh, and who has six children; Walter, who married Belle Reed, has six children and resides at Iberia, this county; and Amanda O.

Fraternally our subject is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, retaining a membership in both lodge and encampment. Politically he has been a stalwart Democrat from the time of attaining his majority. He has been a member of the School Board for twelve or more years, and has been ever interested in educational matters, giving his children the advantages which he was denied in his youth.

JASPER N. GOSNELL, who occupies the important office as County Clerk of Union county, Ohio, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Licking county, July 26, 1843, the son of Abraham and Margaret (Armstrong) Gosnell.

Abraham Gosnell was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and in the year 1808 he came with his parents to Ohio, locating in Licking county, where he remained until 1858, when he removed to Union county, having purchased a farm of 306 acres, lying in Taylor and Leesburg townships. The year after his arrival in this county he met his death as the result of an accident, having been killed by the explosion of a boiler in a sawmill. His widow is still living and retains her residence on the homestead farm in this county. Abraham Gosnell had been actively identified with the Whig party from the time of its organization and was not an inconspicuous worker in its cause. Religiously he was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He left a family of seven children, touching whose lives we are enabled to offer the following brief record: Ruth became the wife

of Nathaniel Armstrong, of Wichita, Kansas, and is now deceased; Miranda is the wife of A. W. McCaney, of Taylor township, this county; Jasper N. is the immediate subject of this review; George W. is a resident of Carroll, Iowa, where he is engaged in the implement business; Franklin D. and Fletcher C. (twins) are both residents of Columbus, Ohio, the former being a member of the police force of the city and the latter devoting his attention to his trade, that of brick mason; John A. is a resident of Marysville, and acts as a deputy in the office of his brother, our subject.

Jasper N. Gosnell received sturdy discipline in his youthful days, having been reared upon the farm and having received his preliminary educational training in the district schools. He continued amid such environment until the late civil war was precipitated upon a divided nation, when he promptly made ready to contribute his quota toward the defense of the stars and stripes. He enlisted, August 6, 1862, as a member of Company K, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his service continued until December 8, 1864, when he was mustered out at Camp Chase. He participated in a number of important engagements, among which may be noted the battles of Arkansas Post, Chickasaw, Vicksburg, Jackson (Mississippi), Grand Coteau, and Sabine Crossroads. At the last-named place he received a severe gun-shot wound in his right hip, and for some five months was confined in St. James hospital, at New Orleans, after which he returned to Ohio and received his discharge, as noted, at Camp Chase. His war service finished, he resumed his educational work, entering the high school at Marysville, where he continued his studies for some time and then returned to the parental farm, where he remained about two years.

The first business enterprise with which Mr. Gosnell became concerned was the conducting of a general store at a little cross-roads town, but he continued in this line of mercantile trade only a short time, removing then to Peoria, this county, where he opened a general store, which he conducted successfully until 1881, when he retired from the mercantile trade. He has since devoted his attention to the duties devolving upon him in the official capacities which he has been called upon to fill. He was elected Justice of the Peace and served in this office for a full decade; he also held the preferment as Postmaster of Peoria for a term of eight years, proving a most capable and popular executive. In 1880 he was elected Land Appraiser and held this office one year. At the fall election of 1893 Mr. Gosnell became the Republican candidate for the office of County Clerk of Union county, was elected by a large majority and entered into the discharge of his official duties in August of the present year (1894). His record as a painstaking and efficient executive in other capacities stands as sufficient voucher that his work in the present imporant office will come fully up to the high standard which has hitherto been maintained, and such is his capacity for details and systematic routine that the service can scarcely fail to be improved in many particulars.

Our subject has always been stanchly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles and has been an active worker in the ranks. Fraternally he retains a membership in Ranson Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R., and in Broadway Lodge, No. 704, I. O. O. F., of Broadway, this

county, having been the first incumbent as Noble Grand of the same, and having been a member of the order for a full quarter of a century.

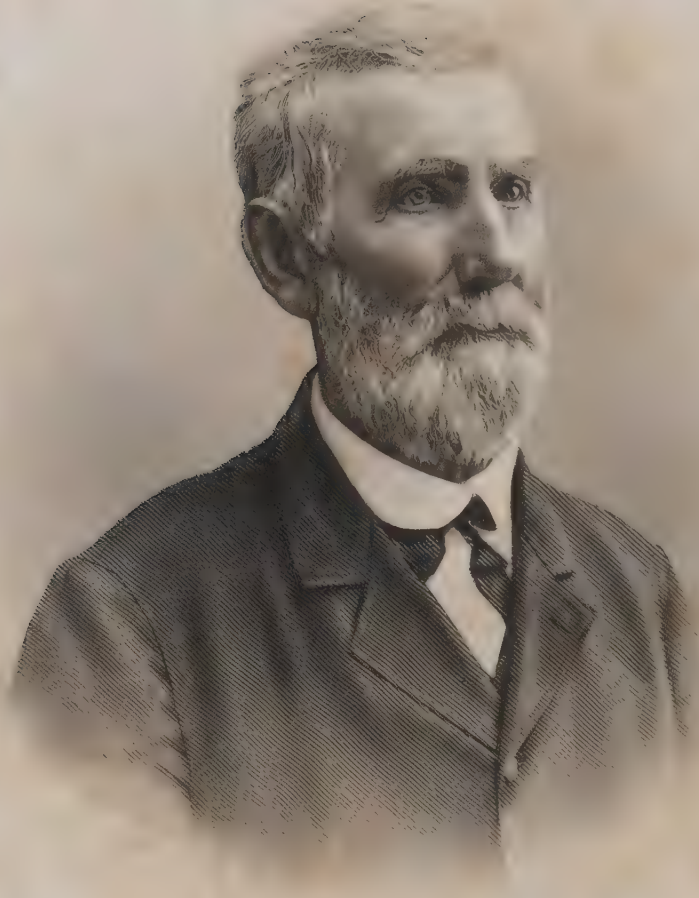
Mr. Gosnell was married, March 11, 1868, to Miss Amanda Hartrum, a native of Franklin county, this State, and a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Hartrum. Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell are the parents of three children: Nettie, widow of the late Weldon Hill, of Marysville; Howard married Miss Mary Reed and is engaged in public work in various points of the county; Otto is at home. Our subject and wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BENJAMIN MARTIN, a Baptist minister, of Oxford township, Delaware county, Ohio, bears the name of one of his ancestors, who was among the earliest settlers of this county.

The elder Benjamin Martin came, with his large family, to Delaware county, Ohio, about the year 1813. He was a native of one of the Eastern States, and came to Ohio from Virginia, first settling in Ross county, and two years later removing to Delaware county, and taking up his abode in the woods of Troy township, where he and his sons improved a farm, and where he made his home until the time of his death, which occurred in 1852, when he was well advanced in years. He was an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, and gave most of his time to the work of the ministry. During the war of 1812 he went to the front and did valiant service. Financially he was successful, and he left his family in good circumstances. He married Margaret White, a native of Virginia, and the following are the names of their children: James, deceased; Neamiah, a Baptist minister, deceased; Welcome, deceased; David, deceased; Jefferson; Polly; Hannah; Lydia; Grace; Elijah, deceased; and Ludlow, deceased.

James, the oldest of the family, was the father of our subject. He followed farming in Troy township, this county, where he accumulated and improved a large amount of property. He was married in 1823, in Troy township, to Dorcas Main, and they had a family of seven children, five of whom are living, viz.: Benjamin; Eleazer, who is engaged in farming in Kansas; Neamiah, a resident of Troy township; Saburs, of Oxford township, this county; Valentine, deceased; James, of Troy township; and Margaret, deceased. Five of these brothers, Eleazer, Neamiah, Saburs, Valentine and James, served in the late war, and the last four were in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving 115 days.

Benjamin Martin was born in Troy township, this county, June 23, 1825. He was reared to farm life, and was educated in the public schools, remaining at home until he reached his majority. To the 100 acres of land his father gave him he added forty acres more, and from the time he was twenty-one he devoted his energies to the improvement of this tract. At the time he came into possession of it only about seven acres of it were cleared. This clearing was probably the first that was made in the township. Here he erected a small frame residence and began life for himself. He was married, in 1848, to Caroline Main, a daughter of James and Eurana Main, and they settled in the little home he had prepared. As the years rolled by, and prosperity attended his efforts, he increased his



Henry Amrein

Mrs Henry Austin

landed estate until it amounted to 350 acres. Of late years, however, he has disposed of some of this property, and now retains only 260 acres. His farming operations have been characterized by good management and have been attended with success. He is a stanch Republican, and has held various local offices, such as Township Trustee, Assessor, etc. For several years he served as Justice of the Peace, and in the spring of 1894 he was again elected to that office.

His first wife died in 1864, leaving three children,—Rosett, deceased wife of Peter Schoof; Eneas, a farmer of this county; and Byron, deceased. Mr. Martin married again, in 1865, Miss Mary A. Clifton, a native of Perry county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Miller) Clifton. She was born at Thornville, and, when about eleven years of age, came with her parents to Delaware. Her parents are now deceased. Mr. Martin and his present wife have three sons, Welcome C., Walter B., and Joseph C.

Mr. Martin has been a member of the Baptist Church since 1839, and since 1876 has been an ordained minister. Twice a month he preaches in his home church, and the other Sabbaths of the month he fills a charge in Fayette county. His sterling qualities and his true Christian character commend him to the people among whom he labors, and who entertain for him the highest esteem.

HENRY AMRIN.—It is our privilege at this point to revert to the life history of one whose days have been filled with "ceaseless toil and endeavor," who has attained to marked success as a result of such effort, and yet who has had the mental scope to determine that the maximum of life is not rounded up in mere temporal possession, and has accordingly given of his hard-earned accumulations to a cause whose benefits he had himself been denied,—a magnificent benefaction whose dignity and worth shall be to him a memorial more lasting than "sculptured urn or animated bust." Henry Amrin is a plain, true, honest man who has not attained to massive deeds and great, but who has lived a simple life and gained success by the sweat of his brow, but who has had a prescience of the value of endowments which fit one for a wider sphere than that in which he has moved, and whose recognition of this truth has been in his giving far more than a tithe for an object whose rewards shall be reaped when he has been long gathered to his fathers. Such a life is one that offers the most lucid justification for the compilation of a work of this nature.

The first representative of the Amrin family in Union county, Ohio, was Abraham Amrin, who came hither from Belmont county, this State. He was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, and was the son of a father who bore the same Christian name. The senior Abraham came from Switzerland to America in a very early day, located in Pennsylvania and there reared a large family and there died, having been engaged in agricultural pursuits. The son Abraham grew to maturity in his native State, having been born about 1763, and there was consummated his marriage to Mary Woolford, who also was born in Pennsylvania, and whose death occurred about 1830. Subsequently Mr. Amrin married Nancy Cook, who survived him a number of years, his death having occurred in this county in 1845,

at which time he had attained the venerable age of eighty-two years. He reared a family of eight children. He was an active and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which denomination his grandson, our subject, has given so munificently of his means. When he came to Union county he effected the purchase of a tract of 1,000 acres of land, and this he divided into such parts as to give to each of his seven sons 100 acres, the residue being retained by himself. The entire tract was entirely unreclaimed, was heavily timbered, and was situated in Paris township. The land was improved by the family, but at the present time all has passed out of the possession of either the sons or their descendants, with the exception of ninety acres retained by Monroe Amrin. Holding so large an acreage it was but natural that the Amrin family should ultimately become a prime factor in securing the development and furthering the higher interests of the township, and incidentally of the county and State. They contributed largely toward the establishment and maintenance of churches and schools, and gave their influence and support to all measures conserving the welfare of the community, the work being continued by one generation from the point where the preceding left the same.

We are able to give but a brief record concerning the history of the children of Abraham Amrin, but even this meagre record can not fail of interest. They were as follows: John; Henry, father of our subject; Susan, who married Joseph Worley, and passed the remainder of her life in Wheeling, West Virginia; Andrew, Frederick, Jeremiah, Abraham, Moses, and one who died in early childhood. All these sons lived and married and reared families in this county, and all save three retained their residence here until called upon to obey death's inexorable summons. Frederick, Jeremiah and Abraham removed to the far West after they had surrounded themselves with families. All were devoted to the religion of their father, and all were zealous workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Andrew being specially prominent in this work, as was he also in local politics; he held the office of Justice of the Peace for many years, and his counsel was held in high esteem.

Henry, the second son, was the father of our subject, and he was born in Pennsylvania in 1789, coming with his parents to the Buckeye State at the age of eleven years, and growing to maturity on the farm, with whose manifold duties he became early familiar. After he had commenced operations on his own responsibility he erected a sawmill, and later on a gristmill,—two establishments which proved of inestimable benefit to the community in which he lived, inasmuch as development was slow and improvements made very conservatively. His brothers had taken up their residence in Union county in 1817, but he did not come until three years subsequent to that date. He conducted his farm and his flouring mill consecutively until the time of his death, his sons proving most efficient coadjutors in both lines of enterprise. In his political adherency he was an old-line Whig, and was tenacious of his beliefs, being a man of distinct individuality and strong character. His death occurred in 1864. Henry Amrin married Mary Powers, who was born in Pennsylvania, and who died in this county in 1851, at the age of sixty-five years. They reared a family of nine children, of whom we offer the following record:

RESIDENCE OF HENRY AMRIN.

John was engaged in gardening at Piqua, this State, where he died; Betsy married Elijah Woolford, of this county, and is now deceased; Josiah, deceased, was a farmer in this county; Susan, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Reed, of this county; Abraham was engaged in farming in this county and is now deceased; Mercy married Henry Bell, and died in Logan county, this State; Henry is the immediate subject of this review; Smith M. was a farmer in this county, where he died; Andrew is engaged in farming in this county.

Henry Amrin, to whom this sketch is mainly devoted, is a native of the county in which he still retains his residence as a prosperous and honored pioneer, the date of his birth having been November 21, 1821. His boyhood days were passed amid the sturdy discipline and plain fare of the parental homestead, and he early became familiar with the arduous duties incidental to clearing and cultivating a farm. His educational advantages were confined to those afforded by the subscription schools of the period, but as maturity approached he found himself ably fortified for fighting the battle of life, and making for himself a place in the world,—honesty, integrity and industry coming to him as a legitimate heritage.

April 26, 1842, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Irven, daughter of William and Amelia (Evans) Irven. She was born near London, Madison county, Ohio, April 14, 1820. After their marriage our subject and his wife settled on a tract of 100 acres, which had been given to them by the former's father, the tract being timber land, upon which practically no improvements had been made. Upon this primitive farmstead in Paris township they erected a modest domicile of hewed logs and began to encroach upon the domain of the forest, whose monarchs fell before the sturdy axe of our subject. The devoted wife contributed of her strength, both physical and mental, toward aiding her husband in his efforts; like his did also her hand become roughened with toil, but mutually sustained and comforted they struggled along with a determination to succeed, and finally success gratefully took up its abode with them. As the years passed by the evidence of their labors became more palpable, for they found themselves the possessors of 700 acres of land, prosperity withheld not its hand and the bountiful harvest, for whose securing they had labored so long and patiently, was not denied them in its due season. They continued to reside on their home farm from 1842 until 1888, their little cottage having been replaced after some twenty years by a substantial and commodious dwelling in keeping with their position and their prosperity. In the latter building they made their home until 1888, when they removed to their present attractive home, one mile and a quarter west of the county seat, Marysville.

Mr. Amrin is over all and above all a self made man and his success comes as the legitimate recompense of his efforts. He has been a close observer, a keen, shrewd business man, but has never abated by one jot or tittle his sturdy rectitude of character nor swerved from the straight path which justice defines. His life has been devoted to the noble art of husbandry, which he has honored as it has also honored and enriched him. He was for many years extensively engaged in stock-raising and his operations in this line were ably directed as to return him good profits.

In the fall of 1887 marked that event in

his life which showed most clearly the character of the man and his gratitude for the good gifts that had come to his portion. A spirit of genuine philanthropy was that which must have animated him when he determined to award a princely benefaction to the noble work of education, for he arranged his affairs and gave the sum of $25,000 to the Ohio Wesleyan University, which is located at Delaware, the donation being held by the institution as endowment fund.

Mr. Amrin has been strongly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles from his early manhood, has taken an active interest in local affairs of public nature and has held certain of the township offices. He and his wife have always been prominent workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that to advance its cause they have done much, none can doubt, for, in addition to his gift to the church institution noted, Mr. Amrin has always contributed liberally to the support of the church, giving "not grudgingly or of necessity," but with that cheerfulness which is acceptable to the One in whose hands rest the destinies of men.

Our subject still retains upward of 470 acres of land in the county, and is still actively concerned in supervising its cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Amrin are the parents of two children: Alfred and Mary A. The former, who resides on the paternal farm, was born February 7, 1843, and grew to manhood at home. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted for service in the late war as a member of Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the ranks until the close of the conflict. Within the final year of the war he was taken prisoner and was held in captivity at Andersonville for seven and one-half months, his release coming only when victory had crowned the efforts of the Union forces. He married Miss Lucy Edsam and they have two children, Curtis and Nellie.

Mary A., daughter of our subject, is the wife of Hilas Whelpley, a resident of Washington Court House, Fayette county, this State, where he is in the employ of the Pan Handle Railroad Company. They have two children, Edward and James H.

WILLIAM MILLIGAN, general merchant, Raymond's, Union county, Ohio, forms the subject of this article.

Mr. Milligan is a son of William Milligan, deceased, one of the early settlers of Ohio. The senior William Milligan was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and remained there until 1826, when he came to Ohio. Upon his arrival here he located in Allen township, Union county, where he purchased 200 acres of timber land and where he made his home for four or five years. During his residence at this place he was elected the second Justice of the Peace in the township. About 1833 he moved to Lewisburg, Ohio, and started a tannery. He had learned the trade of tanner before coming to Ohio and had worked at that business for some years in Pennsylvania, and he continued to run his tannery at Lewisburg up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1849, at the age of fifty-eight years. Politically he was a Whig, and, religiously a member of the Christian Church. Of his wife and family we make record as follows: Mrs. Milligan was before her marriage Miss Eliza Palack. She was born in what is now West Virginia, in 1807, and died in Taylorsville, Illinois, at the home

of her son William, November 6, 1870. They had seven children, namely: Samuel, who died in Christian county, Illinois; William, whose name heads this sketch; James R., a lumber dealer of Mississippi; Jesse, deceased; Rachael, wife of Charles Powell, resides in Tennessee; Morgan B., a resident of Taylorsville, Illinois; Amos, deceased.

William was born in Allen township, Union county, Ohio, January 10, 1833. Until he was fifteen he spent most of his time assisting his father in the tannery, his school advantages being meagre. Then he served an apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter, under Samuel V. Caston, in whose employ he remained two years, after which he worked at the trade in different places for some years. In 1866 he moved to Taylorsville, Illinois, where he was for some time engaged in the grocery business. He purchased, in 1876, 200 acres of land in Liberty township, this county, to which place he removed and where he resided two years. Then he sold out and engaged in the mercantile business at Raymond's, where he has since remained, with the exception of four years he spent at East Liberty, Ohio, in the same business. He carries a full stock of all kinds of general merchandise and has a large trade that extends for miles into the surrounding country.

Mr. Milligan has been twice married. In 1854 he wedded Miss Hope Ann Inskip, daughter of Rev. William Inskip, a Methodist minister. She died about a year after their marriage, and in 1859 Mr. Milligan married Sarah Ann Hemminger, daughter of George Hemminger, of Liberty township, this county. Their family is composed of the following members: Ida Belle, wife of Jacob Orahood, Logan county, Ohio; Franklin E., a merchant and miller of East Liberty, Ohio; and Fannie, Kittie, Sadie, Jessie and Samuel, at home.

Mr. Milligan is a stanch Republican. He has held the office of Township Trustee for several years and is its present incumbent. He has also served as a member of the School Board. Socially he is identified with the K. of P. and the F. & A. M., having been a Mason for forty years. He and his family are members of the Disciple Church.

G. D. MITCHELL, one of the prominent men of Union township, Union county, Ohio, was born in Milford Centre, this county, October 15, 1834, son of John Mitchell, one of the well-known early settlers of the township.

John Mitchell was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1800. His father, also named John, died when the younger John was a small boy. The Mitchells are of Irish descent. Our subject's father spent the first eighteen years of his life on a farm in his native county. Then he came to Highland county, Ohio, where he was subsequently married to Susanna Kingery, a native of Virginia and a descendant of German ancestors. Some time after their marriage, they came to Union county and located at Milford Centre. Later they removed to a farm near the one now owned and occupied by G. D. Mitchell, where they resided until 1882, when they sold out and removed to Marysville, Ohio. There they spent the residue of their lives and died, Mr. Mitchell being eighty-two at the time of death and Mrs. Mitchell eighty-five. By trade he was a hatter, which he followed in early life, but later gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. Religiously they were

Presbyterians; politically he was a Democrat. Of their eight children record is made as follows: Ross, an ex-Postmaster and farmer in Illinois; John, of Anderson county, Kansas; William B., a member of the Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was killed at Peach Orchard; Mary Ellen King, of Marysville, Ohio; James, of Marysville; G. D., whose name heads this article; Isabelle, of Marysville, and Susan Ivy Goff, also of Marysville. All had good educational advantages, and two of the sons—Ross and John—were teachers.

G. D. Mitchell was reared on his father's farm, and, with the exception of six months, has spent the whole of his life in Union township. He owns a good farm of 124 acres, well improved with good buildings, and everything kept up in first-class order.

Mr. Mitchell was married October 28, 1857, at Unionville Centre, this county, to Sarah C. Converse, who was born near Plain City, Madison county, Ohio, and who, previous to her marriage, was a popular and successful teacher. Her father, Caleb H. Converse, a native of Vermont, was for many years engaged in teaching in this county, where he is well known and highly respected. He is now a resident of Unionville and is eighty-four years of age. His wife, *neé* Levisa Ketch, was born in Madison county, Ohio, and died at the age of seventy years. They had eleven children, eight of whom reached maturity, namely: Lewis, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Nathan, of Delaware county, Ohio; Obel, of Allen township, this county; Sarah C.; Orson P., an attorney of London, Ohio; J. Q., of Plain City, Ohio; B. W., of Unionville, Ohio, and Jennie Smith, of Marysville, Ohio. Those who died in childhood were: Martha, Emma and Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have five children: Elsie J., wife of Simon Boyd, of Marysville, Ohio; James W., married Ella Predmore and now resides at Broadway, Ohio; William B., married Ollie Blake, and is now an artist at La Rue, Ohio; George R., married Etta McCliment and settled on the home place, and Guy D., at home.

Mr. Mitchell affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JEROME RITCHIE, who resides on a farm near Marysville, in Leesburg township, Union county, Ohio, is ranked with the representative men of the county.

Mr. Ritchie was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1839, son of Joseph and Susan Ann (Stoolfire) Ritchie, the father of Scotch descent and both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. They resided in the Keystone State until 1843, when they came to Ohio and settled in Licking county, near Columbia Center, where they still reside, both having passed their three-score years and ten. They have had a family of eight children, namely: Jerome, Louisa White, William B., Lucius, Mary Lee (a music and school teacher), Nathan B., Charles and Joseph, Jr. Lucius died while in the service of his country. Two of the sons, Nathan B. and Charles, are teachers. The father learned the blacksmith's trade and worked at it in early life, but later turned his attention to farming. Politically he is a Republican; religiously a member of the United Brethren Church. Both he and his

wife are active in church work. For many years he has been a class-leader.

Jerome Ritchie was four years old at the time he came with his parents to Licking county, and on the farm he spent his boyhood days, receiving his education in the common schools. A year after his marriage, which event occurred when he was twenty-three, he removed to Union county. Since 1870 he has resided on his present farm, 126 acres of fine land, well improved with modern two-story residence, nice barn and other substantial farm buildings, and all arranged with regard to taste and convenience. In short, everything about the premises points to the fact that the owner is a man of enterprise and good management, and that he is making a success in life.

Mr. Ritchie was married January 15, 1863, at Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, Ohio, to Sarah Jane Gardener, who has proved herself a worthy helpmate in the truest sense of the word. She was born in Licking county, September 18, 1841, daughter of William and Grace (Aris) Gardener, natives of Virginia, the father of Scotch-Irish extraction; both are now deceased, their death occurring in Union county, the mother at the age of seventy-one years, and the father at seventy-eight. He was a member of the Christian Church, and in politics was a Democrat. They had twelve children, viz: William, Barbara, Mary Jane, Phillip, James E., Asbury, Sarah Jane, Martha, Willson, Mary Rinehart, Albert and Caroline. Four of the sons, William, Phillip, Willson and Asbury, were in the late war. Willson was afterward killed in a railroad accident. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie have four children, as follows: Etta May, wife of Cassius McAlister, has two children, Ivy May and Anna Jane; Herbert Sheridan married Retta Scott and has one child, Jerome B.; Joseph W. has just attained his majority, and is still at home; and Nannie Blanche, also at home. She is not yet thirteen years old, and has been organist in the church over two years.

In his political views Mr. Ritchie is in harmony with the Republican party. He has served the public as a member of the School Board. Both he and his wife are identified with the Christian Church, and are among its most active workers. He has served as Treasurer, Clerk and Deacon, and also as Sabbath-school Superintendent. At this writing Mrs. Ritchie is Superintendent of the Sabbath-school. They are among the leading and influential people of the community and are as highly respected as they are well known.

HIRAM DE WITT follows farming in Delaware county, where he owns and operates a valuable tract of land, which has been his home for the long period of forty consecutive years. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 22d of April, 1827, and is a son of Amos and Rachel (Harris) De Witt, both of whom were natives of Virginia. When a lad of fourteen years, the father came to the Buckeye State and a few years later began farming, which he followed throughout his life. He was called to the home beyond in June, 1876, and his wife, who survived him about ten years, passed away in 1886. In their family were nine children, seven sons and two daughters, namely: Simon; Hiram; Martha; Jane, wife of George Deets; John U., who resides in Knox county, Ohio; Abram, deceased; Mason, who is living in

Nebraska; Maria, wife of William Huston; and Charles, who also makes his home in Nebraska.

Hiram De Witt received but limited school privileges. The building in which he conned his studies was a rude structure with clapboard roof, and the training therein accorded with the exterior. At farm labor, however, he had ample drill, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow, he began work in the fields, and from an early age he earned his own livelihood by working as a farm hand for the agriculturists of the neighborhood. For his labors he received the munificent sum of $10 per month, and out of this he saved the capital with which he made his first purchase of land,—an eighty-acre tract in Michigan. He bought, in 1854, his present farm, then a tract of wild land covered with timber. This he at once began to clear away, and in course of time the once raw tract was converted into rich and fertile fields. The farm comprises seventy-three and a fourth acres, and yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation which he bestows upon it.

On the 5th of February, 1852, Mr. De Witt was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary J. Huston, daughter of William and Sarah (Kelly) Huston, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. Seven children have been born to our subject and his wife, who in order of birth are as follows: Eva, wife of Irvin Davy; Maria Caroline, now deceased; Charles M., who is engaged in business in Columbus, Ohio; John W., who also resides in that city; Fletcher A., who is now serving as Recorder of Morrow county, Ohio; Hettie A., wife of Warren W. Field, a resident of Summit county; and Josephine, who is still at home with her parents.

Both Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt are members of the Methodist Church. Their home is noted for its hospitality, and the worthy couple have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this community, where they have so long resided. In his political views Mr. De Witt is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. He has led a busy and useful life, and his career has also been one of straightforward and honorable dealing.

E. L. MATHER, M. D., a practicing physician of Byhalia, was born in Union county, December 1, 1868, and is a son of J. D. and Ruth (Tallman) Mather, who are residents of York township. The father carries on agricultural pursuits, and upon the home farm the Doctor spent the days of his childhood. The family lived for a time in Jackson township and then removed to York township. He early became familiar with all the duties of farm life, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields. His primary education was obtained in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen he began teaching, which profession he followed for five years altogether. In this way he secured the funds to further pursue his studies, and entered the Ohio Normal, at Ada, Ohio, where he took a thorough course. His education was completed in the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, and soon after he began fitting himself for the medical profession.

Our subject was a young man of eighteen years when he entered the office of Dr. George Miller, of Marysville, Ohio. Later he attended the Starling Medical College, of

Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1892. He immediately entered upon the work of his chosen profession, locating in Byhalia, where he has since made his home. His talents and ability soon won recognition and he is now receiving a liberal and constantly increasing patronage, of which he is well deserving, for he is a close student and careful practitioner whose duties are never neglected.

On the 18th of August, 1892, Dr. Mather was united in marriage with Miss Luella Lingrel, an accomplished young lady of Byhalia and a daughter of Henry and Cynthia Ann (Thornston) Lingrel. Their home is made bright and happy by the presence of a little daughter, Ethylene. Both the Doctor and Mrs. Mather are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as Class Leader, and in the work of the society they take a deep and commendable interest. In social circles they rank high, and the Mather household is noted for its hospitality. The Doctor is a warm friend of the cause of education and is now president of the School Board in Washington township. His entire life has been passed in Union county and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his stanchest friends, a fact which speaks well for him.

GEORGE H. RUHLMAN, one of the representative business men and honored citizens of the thriving village of Cardington, Morrow county, is a native son of said county, having been born in Troy township, July 20, 1857.

His father, William Ruhlman, was a native of the old Keystone State, but came with his parents from Pennsylvania to Mahoning county, Ohio, when but a child. His father was Lewis Ruhlman, who was born in Pennsylvania and there reared and educated, being of German extraction.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Koch, and she was a native of Richland county, Ohio, where she grew to maturity, her parents having been natives of Germany.

The marriage of William Ruhlman and Elizabeth Koch was celebrated in Richland (now Morrow) county, and soon after they took up their abode on a farm in Troy township, where they remained for many years. They now reside on a farm in Claridon township, Marion county. They became the parents of four sons, all of whom are living at the present time, namely: George H., subject of this review; Lewis O., a mechanic, of Marion, Ohio; Eli E., a resident of the same city; and Charles E., a farmer in Claridon township, Marion county.

Our subject was reared on the paternal homestead in Troy township, this county, until he had attained the age of ten years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Marion county. He had attended the district schools of Troy township, and after the removal to Marion county, he continued his educational discipline, completing his education in the graded schools of Claridon township.

His first business venture was in the saw-milling enterprise, and for four years he was concerned in this line, in Marion county, owning one-fourth interest in a mill. He then sold out and, coming to Cardington, engaged as a clerk in the hardware establishment of T. H. Ensign. Out of a very diminutive salary he saved $3 per month for six months, and at the end of

three years he had accumulated quite a sum by his industry and economical habits, and was enabled to purchase a half interest in the hardware business here conducted by J. W. Shaw, the firm name of Shaw & Ruhlman being retained for three years, after which Mr. Shaw disposed of his interests in the enterprise, his successor being F. C. Stanley, and the business was conducted under the title of Ruhlman & Stanley for a period of three years. Mr. Stanley was then succeeded by G. C. Miller and this association has remained intact since that time, the firm name being Ruhlman & Miller. They have commodious and convenient salesrooms, with all essential equipments, and carry a large stock, the establishment being one of the finest in the line that the county can boast.

In politics Mr. Ruhlman lends his support and influence to the Republican party, and he has held official preferments of trust, being now the incumbent as Township Clerk, and having hitherto served for six years as Clerk of the city corporation. He was also a member of the local Board of Education for some time. Fraternally he is prominently identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Cardington Lodge, No. 384, and of the Royal Arcanum. In connection with his business enterprise he manufactures all the sheet-iron work utilized in the George S. Singer Olentangy incubators and brooders, which business involves several thousand dollars per annum.

February 6, 1881, Mr. Ruhlman was united in marriage to Miss Louvina Miller, daughter of Elias and Mary (Gable) Miller, and the issue of this union has been three children, namely: Myrtle B., Hartley M., and Ethel G.

JOHN H. OSBORN, a farmer of Bloomfield township, Morrow county, was born in New London, Connecticut, October 7, 1816, a son of Thomas Osborn. His father was supposed to have been killed, and Thomas was bound out to a sea captain and taken on board ship at the age of seven years following the sea until he married and located on a farm in Connecticut. He came to Knox county in 1816, purchased Government land, erected a log cabin, improved his farm, and died there at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother of our subject, *née* Olive Manning, was born and reared in Connecticut, a daughter of Gilcrist Manning, of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Osborn were the parents of eight children, all of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Abigail (deceased), Amanda (deceased), John H., James M., William N., Sarah Ann, Rilla and George (deceased).

John H., the third child and eldest son, was brought to Knox, now Morrow county, when an infant. At the age of sixteen years he left home to work at the cabinet-maker's trade at Mount Vernon, but six months later returned home and assisted in building a sawmill on a branch of Dry creek. He was next apprenticed to the carpenter and joiner's trade, continuing that occupation four years, and erected many of the houses, barns and other buildings throughout Morrow and adjoining counties. After his marriage, Mr. Osborn located on his present farm, in South Bloomfield township, which he has put under a fine state of cultivation, and erected a good residence.

October 7, 1838, he was united in marriage with Nancy Sevare, a native of Knox county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jesse Sevare, one of the early pioneers of Knox

county. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn had seven children, viz: Douglas B., deceased; Clarinda, deceased; Thomas E., of Mount Gilead; Laduskey E., widow of Orange Holister and a resident of Mount Vernon; Byron H., of Bloomfield township; Mary J., at home; Rose L., wife of Thomas Scott, of Bloomfield township. The wife and mother is deceased. Mr. Osborn is a Deacon in the Christian Church, and is identified with the Republican party.

S. A. McNEIL, one of the representative and highly respected farmers of York township, Union county, was born in a log cabin in Claiborne township on the 13th day of April, 1844. His great-great-grandfather, Samuel McNeil, and his wife, formerly Sarah Skillen, came from Ireland to Chester county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1740. His great-grandfather, Alexander McNeil, was married to Ann Porter, in 1770, and served in General Washington's army through the Revolution. His grandfather, Andrew McNeil, Sr., was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1777, and was married to Margery Young in 1799. His father, Andrew McNeil, Jr., the seventh child of Andrew and Margery, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1811. During his younger years he came to Ohio and is numbered among the early settlers of Union county.

He was married February 28, 1833, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, to Mary Criswell, who was born in that county, November 11, 1809. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church at Faggs Manor, and both belonged to old Presbyterian families, very prominent in church circles.

The young couple began their domestic life in the Keystone State, but five years later, in 1838, emigrated to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, making the journey by team. The following year they came to Union county. November 9, 1839, they, with thirteen other persons, organized the York Presbyterian Church, and Mr. McNeil was chosen as one of the Ruling Elders, which office he held until his death. His worth and ability soon made him one of the leading citizens of this community and he was frequently called upon to serve in positions of public trust. For two terms he served as Auditor of the county and two terms as County Commissioner. He also served as Trustee of Claiborne township and Clerk of York township. He was a robust Christian, tenacious in what he thought was truth and duty, and was unflinching in his loyalty to his country during the Civil war.

His wife died on the 6th day of October, 1861, leaving three children: Miriam R., who was married to James D. Stanley; Amanda, who was married to Hugh Ross, and Samuel A. The father was afterwards again married, his second union being with Catherine McCrea Patterson. The ill-fated Jane McCrea, massacred by the Indians near Saratoga, New York, whose tragic story is celebrated in the annals of the Revolution, was her great-aunt. Mr. McNeil died December 31, 1889. Catherine McCrea McNeil died October 27, 1893.

Union county was to a great degree a frontier settlement during the boyhood days of S. A. McNeil, and with the family he went through the experience of pioneer life. He acquired his education in the schools of the neighborhood, and through the summer months worked on the farm, aiding his father in the development and cultivation of

the old homestead. Early in 1861 his father arranged to send him away to school, but the great war cloud had gathered and hung over the land, and young McNeil, stirred with patriotic impulses, felt that his country needed the services of all her able-bodied sons. In consequence, on the 17th day of August, 1861, although only seventeen years of age, with his father's permission, he enlisted as a member of Company F, Thirty-first Ohio Infantry, for three years. He was with his regiment and took part in almost every important battle in which the Army of the Cumberland was engaged from Mill Springs, Kentucky, to Missionary Ridge, Georgia. In the last named he was severely wounded by a minie ball which passed through his neck. In January, he re-enlisted as a veteran and was promoted to Sergeant. He was "present for duty" every day from the opening of the Atlanta campaign to Johnston's surrender to Sherman in April, 1865, and until he was honorably discharged, July 26, 1865.

AUGUST H. KOLLEFRATH, an honored and representative citizen of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, and one who, at the present time, holds the marked preferment as Mayor of the city, must consistently come forward for specific attention and recognition in a work which purports to take up the life history of the leading residents of the county.

A native of the "Old Dominion," our subject was born at Charleston, now West Virginia, August 11, 1850, the son of August and Magdaline (Neun) Kollefrath, the former of whom was a native of Baden, Germany; the latter of Bavaria. At the age of thirteen years the father was apprenticed to learn the shoemaker's trade, and with this line of industry he continued to be identified for the extended period of sixty-three years. He did not confine his field of operations to the fatherland, but became cosmopolitan in his methods, working at his trade through Spain, Switzerland, France and England. He emigrated to America, having determined to try his fortunes in the United States. He landed at New Orleans, where he remained but a short time, after which he proceeded up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, thence on to Cincinnati, and finally to Charleston, West Virginia. Here was consummated his marriage, and here he remained until 1851, when, with his family, he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they continued to reside for some four years. Then the migratory spirit carried them to Dubuque, Iowa, where they remained one year, after which they returned to Ohio, locating at Springfield, Clarke county, where the death of the honored father occurred August 1, 1893, at which time he had attained the advanced age of seventy-six years. His widow is still a resident of Springfield.

They were the parents of eight children, touching whose individuality we are permitted to offer the following data: August H., the eldest, is the immediate subject of this review; Amelia is the wife of Julius Grahs, of Springfield; Louisa, who resides at Springfield, Ohio; Mary, wife of Henry Deitrich, of Springfield; Albert, who is engaged in the butcher business at Springfield; Alice, wife of Richard Lodenhortz, of the same city; Anna, of Springfield; and Edward, who occupies a clerical position at Cleveland, Ohio.

August H. Kollefrath passed his boyhood days in Springfield, Ohio, receiving

his education in the public schools of that city, and completing the course of study in the Gundry & Hollingsworth Commercial College. Following in the footsteps of his father, and under the direction of the latter, who was a skilled workman, he learned the shoemaker's trade, thus doubly equipping himself for meeting the exigencies of life, and giving evidence of his practical belief in the old and true business axiom, that it is the duty of every young man to learn some trade. He worked with his father for some time, and while thus devoting himself to honest manual labor he showed the innate democracy of his principles by other and mental labor, undertaken with a view to fitting himself for a wider sphere of usefulness in life. He simultaneously read law with Judge F. M. Hagen, of Springfield, and secured admission to the bar August 13, 1876,—the Centennial year. The same year he was a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney on the Democratic ticket in Clarke county. Soon after this he engaged in practice at Springfield for one year, and there celebrated an important event in his life, April 26, 1877, when he was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Noelp, of Union county, Ohio.

August 29th of the same year he came to Marysville, and here opened an office for the practice of his profession, associating himself with Andrew Stevenson, which alliance continued for one year, since which time our subject has maintained his practice alone. He has established a reputation for marked professional ability, a thorough and discriminating knowledge of legal matters, and a capacity for successfully handling all cases and other business in which his efforts are enlisted. Logical in his deductions, dignified in his methods, and not lacking in forensic ability, it has come in natural sequence that he has retained a large and representative clientele, the respect and high estimation in which he is held in the community having been shown in divers ways, as will be duly noted farther on in this connection. In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Kollefrath has for some years been associated with Mr. J. M. Kennedy in the successful conduct of a pension agency.

After having been for many years an uncompromising Democrat, he finally became convinced that the policies and principles advocated by the Republican party were best intended to conserve the interests of the people, and, true to such convictions, he arrayed himself with the latter organization, with whose local interests he has been closely identified since 1889. In the spring of 1894 he was elected Justice of the Peace on the Republican ticket, and also won a marked victory at the polls in his election to the Mayoralty of the city of Marysville. He has made important changes in the administration of the municipal government, his inaugural address being a clear-cut, incisive and fearless document, in which his policies were ably defined, and in accordance with which he has administered the affairs of the city with sound and judicious methods. In the hours when there has come severe criticism from various sources, the Mayor has not flinched, nor lacked the courage of his convictions, and his decisive, fearless, and straightforward maintenance of a position once assumed as expedient, and justified by the facts and circumstances involved, has gained to him both confidence and respect, which will not be lost him by reason of certain fanatical protests.

Mr. Kollefrat his the *ex-officio* president

of the Board of Health, and in the duties of this office his interest is something more than nominal. A stalwart Republican, bright and daring when principles are at stake, opposed to all rings and cliques in a political way and zealous in fostering whatever tends to the public good, the Mayor holds a winning card in the matter of official preferments.

In his fraternal relations, Mr. Kollefrath is identified with the Knights of Pythias, Marysville Lodge, No. 100. While a resident of Springfield he was a member of the Ohio National Guards. Our subject is essentially a self-made man, is full of pluck, enterprise and determination, honest in his convictions, loyal to his friends and unflinching in the face of ill-advised opposition. In religious belief he is a Lutheran of the liberal order.

Mr. and Mrs. Kollefrath are the parents of five children: Alice, Frank, Leonard. Julius and Howard. The family home is located in the south part of the city.

GEORGE R. DENTON, who is one of the well-known and substantial agriculturists of Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, finds the place of his nativity in merrie old England, having been born in Lincolnshire, on the 12th of September, 1831.

His father was Jonathan Denton, who was a native of the same English shire and who was a farmer by occupation. He died at the age of sixty-six years, having never left his native land. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Frances Swabey and she likewise was born on English soil, coming to America when well advanced in years and dying in the State of Kansas, at the venerable age of about eighty-five years.

George R. Denton was the eldest of ten children and he passed his boyhood on the paternal farm, receiving his educational training in the common schools. At the age of thirteen he hired out by the year, working almost thirteen years for different farmers. In the fall of 1854 he got into trouble by shooting a hare, sometimes called jack rabbit in America, the game-keeper claiming his gun or a lawsuit. He gave up the gun in preference to entering into a lawsuit. Soon after this he went to London, where he spent the winter months, working most of the time for the Great Northern Railroad Company. In the spring of 1855, he bade adieu to relatives and friends, also to the crown of Great Britain. He remained in his native land until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years, when he emigrated to America, coming direct to Marion county, Ohio, and thence to Morrow county. For two summers he worked by the month, then by day piece work on shares, etc., keeping bachelor's hall two years, and in 1864 he married Mrs. Eliza Jane (Trickle) Yagala, widow of George Yagala, thereupon locating upon his present farm of eighty-four acres, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton are the parents of three children, namely: Rachel F., wife of Albert Goorley, of Mount Gilead, this county; Samuel J., a resident of Dentonville, Kansas; and Benjamin E., who remains on the parental homestead part of the time. In the spring of 1877, his first wife died, at the age of forty-seven years. For his second wife he married Mrs. Christina Mitchell, a native of Scotland, born in the city of Dundee and reared by friends, her parents hav-

ing died while she was yet a child. She obtained her education by attending school half of each day, working in the factories the other half. Her first husband died a short time after their marriage, in 1873. She came to America, locating in Brooklyn; from there she went to Marion, Ohio, then came to her present home. Mrs. Denton visited friends in her native isle in 1890. She is a woman of perseverance, and has many true friends.

In politics Mr. Denton is identified with the Republican party, and he has taken a somewhat active part in forwarding its interests in a local sense. He has never sought political preferment, but for one term he served as Road Supervisor in his township, proving a most capable official. Strictly in opposition to our present style of making smooth tracks by the ditch, he prefers filling ruts, giving a smooth track in the center of the public roads at all seasons.

Religiously, he is prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, being a steward of the local organization and contributing liberally to the support and advancement of the same. A man of deep integrity and unswerving honor, he has gained and held the respect and esteem of the community, and in him is reposed the most perfect confidence.

JOSEPH GROVES, of Cardington, Ohio, was born in this city April 22, 1837, and his ancestors were originally from Holland. His father, Benjamin Groves, was a native of Pennsylvania, but came to Ohio in a very early day, locating in what is now Canaan township, Morrow county, and was a miller by occupation. About 1835 he located in Cardington, and operated the old Bunker Mill near the dam, having been the first miller in the old water mill here. Three years afterward he moved to Lima, Ohio, and his death occurred there in 1847. Mr. Groves married Ann Haight, a native of Guernsey county, this State. They had four sons and two daughters, four now living, namely: Joseph, Augustus, William and Martha Jane. The father had been previously married to a Miss Hight, and their son, Samuel S., is now living in Canaan township, Morrow county.

Joseph Groves, the subject of this sketch, learned and followed the blacksmith's trade in Jasper county, Missouri. In 1860 he went to Kansas, and in the following fall located in Pekin, Illinois. April 25, 1861, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company F, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the first regiment sent out by the State of Illinois into the Rebellion. They were drilled at Cairo, and were discharged at the close of the three months' service. Immediately re-enlisting in the same regiment, Mr. Groves was promoted to Corporal, and served as such until after the battle of Fort Donelson, when he became Sergeant. He took part in the capture of the Rebel flag at Columbus, Kentucky, December 22, 1861; participated in a midnight skirmish at Norfolk, Missouri, and served in the battles of Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson, Holly Springs, Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, Black River, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, and took part in the entire siege of Vicksburg, lasting forty-seven days. While there his gun was struck by a piece of shell and knocked him down, and, although disabled, he remained at his post.

In July, 1863, Mr. Groves participated in the battles of Clinton, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. He was detailed by General Canby to place the stars and stripes on the battle house in Mobile, Alabama, on its surrender, and successfully accomplished the task. He was veteranized January 5, 1864, and was promoted to Orderly Sergeant. He carried the regimental colors through the later battles of the war. August 28, 1865, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Company F, Eighth Illinois Volunteers, and January 20, 1866, was made First Lieutenant of the same company, both having been issued by R. J. Oglesby. Mr. Groves was ordered for duty in Texas, and served there until finally discharged at Springfield, Illinois, in June, 1866, after a continuous service of five years and one month. Just before the battle of Shiloh our subject went outside the lines to get squirrels for a sick comrade, and, while hunting, a rebel ordered him to drop his gun and proceeded to march him to Corinth. On the way Mr. Groves put his hand in his pocket for tobacco, where he also had a loaded revolver, which he drew upon the rebel and turned the tables, marching him to General Leggett's headquarters. He then went back after the squirrels. Mr. Groves took part in twenty-three battles in all, and was never wounded.

In the fall of 1866 he went to Wisconsin, but two years afterward removed to Michigan, and in 1874 came to Cardington, Ohio In his political relations, he affiliates with the Republican party. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the Encampment and Rebekahs, is Commander of the James St. John Post, No. 82, G. A. R., and is a member of the U. V. L., No. 89, of Mount Gilead.

Mr. Groves was married, in 1868, to Alvira Benson, who was born in Lincoln township, Morrow county, March 29, 1847, a daughter of Darius and Eliza A. (Warner) Benson. Our subject and wife have four sons,—Otto J., Arden B., George F. and Charles S.

J. P. MORSE.—It now becomes our privilege to touch briefly upon the life history of one who stands forth as one of the representative farmers of Union township, Union county, and one who enjoys a most marked popularity by reason of his genial and sympathetic nature. He was one of the valiant boys who went forth in his nation's defense at the time of the late civil war, and his military record is one that remains to his perpetual honor.

He was born on the farm where he now lives,—the old paternal homestead,—December 28, 1839, the son of the late Ray G. Morse, who was one of Union county's prosperous, influential and popular citizens for many years. Ray G. Morse was a native of Coventry township, Kent county, Rhode Island, his birthplace being in the vicinity of the city of Providence. The date of his nativity was November 16, 1808, and he was a son of Joseph Morse, who was also a native of the Union's most diminutive State, and a descendent of one of the most prominent old families of that commonwealth. When Ray G. had attained the age of ten years his parents determined to seek their fortunes and establish a new home in the West, and accordingly they set forth with an ox wagon to traverse the long stretch of wild country lying between their Eastern home and the State of Ohio. With this primitive and unpretentious equipage

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the journey was made in the dead of wintre and was not completed until forty-nine days had elapsed, when they reached their destination at Rice City, a little settlement in the vicinity of the present thriving village of Milford Center, this county. Here they established their home and here passed the residue of their days, both parents having been laid to rest in the section which marked the scene of their early endeavors in clearing away the forests and aiding in the development of the county to its present position of prosperity. Though their son, the father of our subject, was but a mere child at the time the eventful overland journey from the East was accomplished, yet he remembered almost every detail of the same until the hour of his dissolution.

Ray G. passed his youthful days at the parental home in this county, and finally engaged himself to serve an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, serving five years under Colonel Fairfield, who was one of the prominent men of Milford Center in that early day. He became an expert artisan in working iron and steel and by sturdy efforts at the forge he acquired the funds with which to purchase his farm, that which our subject now cultivates. April 17, 1838, he took up his residence on his place, settling in the woods, where he built a log cabin and made a home for his family, and then set himself the arduous task of felling the forest monarchs and preparing the soil for the plow. This place was his home until the time of his demise, and he lived there for more than an half century, being thus permitted to enjoy the full recompense for the indefatigable toil which had been his in reclaiming the farm. His death occurred December 10, 1893, at which time he had attained the venerable age of eighty-five years and twenty-four days. In the fulness of years was thus gathered to his fathers one whose life had been one of activity and usefulness and one whose name will be held in lasting honor by all to whom remains the knowledge of his sturdy rectitude and noble character. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Parthemor, and to whom he was united December 20, 1830, died July 10, 1888, at the advanced age of eighty-four years and eleven months.

They reared a family of six children, of whom we make record as follows: William A., a resident of Madison county, Ohio; George Nelson, who died in this township, in 1874; Clara J., wife of David McCloud, of this township; Joseph, a retired farmer living at Marysville, the county seat, was an active participant in the late war of the Rebellion; John P., subject of this review; Ray G., a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the war, now resides at Marysville.

John P. Morse was reared to maturity on the old homestead and contributed his share toward its reclamation and improvement, learning the trade of blacksmith at home under the capable direction of his honored father, and securing his educational discipline in the district schools. Like his father, he is an expert workman at the blacksmith trade, to which he devoted his attention for a number of years.

During the war of the Rebellion he rendered his quota toward the defending of his country's honor, serving loyally and valiantly. On the 22d of June, 1863, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until February, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. Within this time he had re-enlisted as a member of the

First Ohio Heavy Artillery, but was forthwith returned to his old regiment.

At the age of thirty-one years Mr. Morse joined hand and heart with Miss Mary J. Mitchell, who was born in Darby township, this county, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Mitchell, honored and prominent residents of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were the parents of eight children, to wit: Arvilla, wife of J. D. Morse; Preston, deceased; Fanny, wife of Dalton Peters; Alice, wife of F. A. Andrews; Martha; Alexander Scott; Rosa, wife of Hubert Worthington; and Mary J., wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse have five children: George Nelson; Renua Alice, who graduated from the Milford Center high school in 1893 and who is now a popular and successful teacher; John M.; Ruby A.; and Cassius William. One child, Sarah E, the second born, died in infancy.

Mr. Morse has always been firmly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and has been an active worker in the local organization of the same, having held preferment as Constable for a term of five years. He has been a member of the School Board for more than a score of years, and has ever maintained a lively interest in educational work. Fraternally, he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, retaining a membership in Silas Kimball Post, No. 570, of Milford Center.

Our subject's farm, the old family homestead, comprises 200 acres and is thoroughly well improved and under most effective cultivation. The residence is a substantial and commodious frame structure, pleasantly located, and other permanent improvements include a good barn, a modern wind-engine for supplying water for farm and domestic uses, and all necessary outbuildings, while in all quarters is there unmistakable evidence of the discriminating attention given to the operation of a fine farmstead.

In his personality our subject is jovial and filled with good humor and hospitality. He has a keen relish for the funny side of life and the neighborhood abounds in tales of his humorous sayings and doings. Frank and courteous and never denying a true sympathy, it is doubtful whether any man can dispute for the palm of popularity in the community with J. P. Morse.

ROBERT WILCOX, a farmer of Porter township, Delaware county, was born at Homer, Licking county, Ohio, October 22, 1839, a son of Barnum and Julia (Claflin) Wilcox, the former a native of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Crawford county, that State. Robert was left an orphan at the age of twelve years. He received his education in the common schools, and has made his own way in the world. After reaching a suitable age he followed any occupation that presented itself until the opening of the late war, when, August 26, 1864, he entered the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served nine months. The regiment was discharged at Goldsboro, North Carolina. During his service Mr. Wilcox contracted lung trouble and other chronic diseases, from which he has never recovered. Since the close of the struggle he has devoted his time to farming, stock-raising and the lumber business.

August 19, 1860, at Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, Ohio, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage with Eveline Spangler, who was born August 17, 1839, and reared

in St. Albert's township, that county, a daughter of John (deceased) and Abigail Spangler. The latter resides in Porter township, Delaware county. Our subject and wife have seven children, namely: Cloie Carter, of Kingston township, this county; Laura Needles, of Columbus, Ohio; Carrie Carpenter, of Porter township; Ellsworth, also of this township; Elethco Kaspar and Willford Arthur. Mr. Wilcox affiliates with the Republican party. Mrs. Wilcox is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DR. ALONZO E. MAIN, physician and surgeon, Delaware, Ohio, dates his birth in Troy township, Delaware county, this State, September 2, 1855, his parents being Madison and Jane (Black) Main.

Dr. Main was reared on a farm and was educated in the public schools. When he was twenty he began the study of medicine under the instructions of Dr. McCann, Delaware, and in 1877 he entered the Columbus Medical College, where he graduated February 28, 1879. The last year of his college life he spent much of his time in the office of Dr. D. T. Gilliem, of Columbus. After his graduation he at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Bryan, Williams county, Ohio, and there remained five years. His next move was to Delaware, where he has since conducted a general practice, and where he has met with eminent success. With the exception of one year, when he was in partnership with Dr. Welch, of this city, he has practiced alone.

Dr. Main was married December 30, 1879, to Miss Christina Schaub, who was born in Switzerland, but who has been a resident of America since she was quite young. They have two sons, Wilber J. and Earnest F. Their residence is at No. 99 Williams street.

WARREN S. JEWELL.—Among the representative farmers of Porter township, Delaware county, Ohio, the subject of this review is particularly prominent, conducting one of the finest and most prolific farms in the county, and having been honored with numerous official preferments in the gift of the people of the community. To such men we turn with peculiar satisfaction as offering in their life histories justification for works of this nature,—not that their lives have been such as to gain them wide reputation or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to the trusts imposed, have shown such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all, and have been useful in their sphere of action.

The father of our subject was Harrison Jewell, who was a native of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and of Welsh-Scotch and French extraction. He was a brick-mason and a general mechanic by trade; was a Republican in his political views, and was a member of the Disciple Church. In 1830 he came from his native State to Licking county, Ohio, where he was shortly afterward united in marriage to Mary Miller, who was born in Knox county, Ohio. They became the parents of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, Rachel, Sarah, Laura, deceased, Warren S., David L. and Mary and Almira, (twins), both of whom are now deceased. David was an active participant in the late war. The father of our subject died at Utica, Ohio, in 1879, having attained the

age of seventy years. His widow still resides near that city, at the venerable age of eighty-two years.

Warren S. Jewell was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 17, 1841, and he passed his youth in his native county, attending the district schools and supplementing his rudimentary discipline by a one year's course of study in the university at Granville. After leaving college he engaged in business at Rich Hill, Knox county, where he remained for one year. In 1864 he came to Delaware county and took up his residence upon his present farm, comprising 317 acres, all of which has been brought into a high state of cultivation, and which bears evidence of the prosperity which has attended the persevering efforts of our subject in the way of the many substantial improvements made. The place is known as Summit Farm and is a beautiful rural home.

Mr. Jewell is an active member of the Republican party, and occupies a high position in the local councils of the organization. His popularity and the recognition of his ability are shown in the fact that he has been called upon to serve as incumbent in the offices of Assessor, Trustee, and as a member of the Board of Education of Porter township for fifteen years. In his fraternal affiliations he is identified with Porter Lodge, No. 640, Knights of Pythias, said lodge maintaining its organization at East Liberty.

In conclusion we turn to the domestic life of our subject, learning that, on New Year's day, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura, a daughter of Rev. William Moody, a well-known divine of the Disciple Church in Knox county. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have five children, of whom we offer the following epitomized record: Eva M. is the wife of Levi Blackledge, of Porter township; Harry W. is a student in Hiram college, at Hiram, Ohio; and Walter M., Mamie J., and Clifford W. are at home. One child, the second-born, died in infancy. Mr. Jewell is an Elder in the Disciple Church of Centerburg, and with the same organization his wife is actively identified as a zealous and devoted member.

SQUIRE MARCUS PHILLIPS, one of the representative citizens of Morrow county, was born in Windham county, Vermont, January 16, 1806. His father, Asa Phillips, was born in the town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, March 12, 1771, but when a young man located in Windham county, Vermont. He was there married to Rhoda Hazelton, who was born in Bellingham, Massachusetts, January 26, 1771. From 1814 to 1817 they resided on a farm near New Salem, Franklin county, Massachusetts, and in the latter year removed to Niagara, now Erie, county, New York, where Mr. Phillips died November 13, 1842. He was a Whig in his political views, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. Asa Phillips and wife had ten children, namely: Mrs. Rhoda Herrick, Mrs. Mary Chase, Arba and Mrs. Susanna Chase, deceased; Marcus, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Hannah Twitchell, deceased; Asa, a resident of California; Amos, deceased; and Mrs. Sarah Stevens, a widow lady. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Massachusetts, and of Welsh descent.

Marcus Phillips remained with his father until twenty-two years of age. In 1828 he came to Ohio, and next, via the Alleghany

river, rafted to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he worked for $1 per day. From there he come, via Zanesville, to Marion county, Ohio, where he worked on a farm for $8.33 per month. From 1830 to 1834 he resided in New York, but in the latter year returned to this State and located on a farm of sixty acres near Norton, Medina county, for which he paid $800. Three years afterward Mr. Phillips sold that place for $1,300 and bought 100 acres of unimproved land in the woods of Peru township, Delaware, now Morrow, county, where he built a log cabin 12 x 24 feet, the roof being of boards and all slanted the same way. He improved and added 100 acres to his original purchase, and remained there until 1880. From that year until 1891 he owned and resided on forty acres in Bennington township, and since that time has resided in the town of Marengo, Morrow county.

In 1832, in Erie county, New York, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage with Asenath Herrick, a native of that State. She died September 26, 1846, leaving four children, — Alvin C., who married Sarah J. Lott, deceased, and they had four children; Joseph H., deceased, as is also his wife, and they had one child; Mary Emma and Marietta, twins; the former married Ira Benedict and has three children; and the latter married Henry Osborn, and they are the parents of four children. December 29, 1847, Mr. Phillips married Fidelia Potter, who was born in Harrison township, Franklin county, Ohio, May 12, 1818, a daughter of Asahel Potter, an early pioneer of Delaware county. Her mother, formerly Anna Benton, was a native of Connecticut. Mrs. Phillips was the seventh of their eight children. Our subject and wife have two sons. The eldest, Francis P., married Ollie Long, deceased, and they had one child. For his second wife he married Ada Long, deceased, and they also had one child. Charles S. married Alice McDonald and has one child. The family are members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Phillips has served as an official for many years. In political matters he is a stanch Republican, and has served as Justice of the Peace for twelve years, County Commissioner nine years, has been delegate to many Republican conventions, and held the office of Notary Public sixteen years, receiving the appointment from many different Governors of the State.

LEWIS H. EVANS, a farmer of Peru township, was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 21, 1834. His father, Owen Evans, was born in Pennsylvania, June 20, 1802, a son of William Evans, a native of Wales. After the latter came to America, he located in Pennsylvania, and thence came to Knox county, Ohio, where he subsequently died. Owen Evans was married in Knox county, to Mary George, a native of Chester township, Morrow county, and a daughter of Henry George. His father, Rev. Henry George, was born in Wales, was a Baptist minister, and became one of the pioneers of Knox county. After their marriage Owen Evans and wife located on a farm in Knox county, where they remained until death, the mother dying at the age of eighty years and the father at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of twelve children; ten grew to years of maturity, namely: William G., of Clarke county, Iowa; L. H., the subject of this sketch; E. J., also of Clarke county; Maria, widow of Stephen West, and a resident of Bennington township, Morrow

county; Elizabeth, wife of Norton Moore, also of that township; Rachel, wife of Royal Moore, of Marengo, Ohio; Henry, of Bennington township; Naomia, wife of Robert Taylor, of Chester township, this county; La-Fayette M., of Clarke county, Iowa, and Jane, who married Stephen Ullery, now deceased.

Lewis H. Evans, the second child in order of birth, was reared and educated in his native place. He began for himself at the age of nineteen years, empty-handed, and worked on a farm for from $12 to $16 per month. He has resided on his present place since 1858, which consists of 150 acres of fine farming land, and has made all he now owns by hard labor and economy. In 1874 his house and half its contents were destroyed by fire. In political matters Mr. Evans affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served as Township Assessor two years and as Trustee three terms. He was nominated for County Commissioner in 1892, but, owing to the fact that his county is strongly Republican, he was defeated.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Caroline Ullery, May 24, 1857; she was a native of Morrow county, Ohio. Four children were born to that union, viz.: Flora E., wife of E. D. Lloyd, of Peru township, and Arthur, George W. and Verdie, deceased. Our subject was afterward married to Catherine Sherwood, a native of Pennsylvania, who when a child came to Richland, now Morrow county. The family are members of the Baptist Church.

LEWIS WHIPPLE, a prominent farmer of Peru township, Morrow county, was born on the farm where he now lives, August 25, 1839. His father, Barton Whipple, a native of Rhode Island, came with his parents to Delaware, now Morrow county, when eighteen years of age, his father, Reuben Whipple, also a native of Rhode Island, having been one of the early settlers of that county, and died here in his seventy-second year. The Whipple family are descended from four brothers who came from England and located at Providence, Rhode Island. Our subject's mother, *née* Eliza Van Duzer, was a native of Pennsylvania, and her father, Abram Van Duzer, was also born in that State, of Dutch descent. He became one of the early settlers of Morrow county, and lived to the age of seventy-two years. The parents of our subject were married in Delaware county, but shortly afterward located in the woods of Peru township, now Morrow county, where they improved a farm. They afterward sold that place and bought the farm where our subject now resides. The mother died here at the age of seventy-eight years, and the father at the age of eighty-nine years. They were members respectively of the Christian and Universalist Churches. Mr. Whipple was one of the leading men in his county, having served as County Commissioner twenty years in both Delaware and Morrow counties; was also Justice of the Peace the same length of time, and at one time conducted a tavern. They were the parents of nine children, five daughters and four sons, all of whom grew to years of maturity but one, viz.: Jefferson, of Fulton county, Ohio; Caroline, widow of Levi Wood; Phœbe, wife of Israel Potter, of Edon, Ohio; Amanda, wife of Henry Christ, of Peru township; Mary Ann, widow of John Rue, and a resident of Westerville, Ohio; Mrs. Eliza Jane Earl, deceased; Steuben, of Peru township; Lewis, our subject; and Jefferson, deceased.

Lewis Whipple was reared in this township, and received his education in a Quaker school. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served eighteen months, took part in the battle of Perryville, followed Morgan through Kentucky, and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in 1864. Returning home, he located on the old homestead, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. In political matters Mr. Whipple affiliates with the Republican party, and socially is a member of Ashley Post, G. A. R.

He was married after the close of the war to Marietta Coomer, a native of Morrow county, and a daughter of Ira and Mary Coomer, early settlers of Delaware county, this State. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Harry, who married Alinda Aldrich, and lives in Delaware county; Charles, deceased at the age of seventeen years; Burton; and Rose, wife of Edward Waters, of Delaware county: she has two children,—Florence and Bertha.

MRS. MINERVA KINIKIN is a representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of Delaware county, and the eldest child of John and Elizabeth Edwards, who in a very early day located in this community. Soon they were recognized as leading citizens and were prominently identified with the social and business interests of the community. At the time of their marriage Mr. Edwards had a capital of only $25. In the midst of the forest he erected a log cabin and with characteristic energy began to clear the land and develop a farm. He was ably assisted by his wife, who proved to him an able helpmeet, and as the result of his industry, economy, perseverance and good management he became one of the wealthiest men in the county. For many years he was also one of its most extensive stock dealers and in that line of business became widely known throughout the West. He was a fine looking man, in manner was pleasant and genial, and wherever he went he made friends He was devoted to his family, whose happiness and welfare ever lay near his heart, and his home relations were of a most pleasant character. In politics he was a Republican, and both he and his wife were faithful Christian people, their membership being with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in 1894, and Mrs. Edwards was called to her final rest March 7, 1864.

Their daughter, Minerva, was born in Harlem township, Delaware county. She was their eldest child and became not only her father's companion, but his counsellor as well, and looked after many of his business interests, for his education was quite limited. There was a rare affection between them and they were almost inseparable. She often traveled with him on his stock-buying trips and together they journeyed over much of the West.

When a young lady of twenty-three, Miss Edwards became the wife of Daniel Henry Kinikin, who is a native of Licking county, Ohio, but is of English descent. He acquired an excellent education and graduated from Granville College. In 1861 he joined the Union army and was assigned to Company C, Seventy-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. After two years of faithful service he became mentally and physically disabled and has not yet recovered from

his infirmities. He was a member of the Christian Church and took an active part in church work.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kinikin were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Elizabeth, Ellen, John, Jane, Sherman and Sarah Ann, all of whom are yet living; Eli, Henry and an infant, now deceased. Mrs. Kinikin makes her home in Sunbury. She is the owner of a beautiful farm of eighty-eight acres in Harlem township, highly improved with all modern accessories and conveniences, and also some desirable property in this vicinity. She is possessed of most excellent business and executive ability, is a lady of culture and refinement who moves in the best circles of society and has many friends.

DR. L. S. LUPTON, one of the leading young physicians of Delaware, Ohio, has been a resident of this city since September, 1880.

He was born in Jerusalem, Monroe county, Ohio, May 19, 1862, son of Levi and Elizabeth (Minor) Lupton, his father a descendant of an old English family who were Quakers, and his mother tracing her ancestry to the Scotch. Levi Lupton died in Libby prison during the civil war. He was a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and had been confined in prison fifteen months when he died. His widow is now a resident of Delaware, Ohio. They had a family of seven children, only two of whom are living,—the subject of this sketch and his brother, William O., a druggist of Delaware.

After graduating in the public schools of Woodfield, in 1880, Dr. Lupton came to Delaware and entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he graduated in the class of 1884. He then began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Kious, then of Delaware and now of Columbus, and subsequently took a medical course in the Columbus Medical College, graduating in 1887. Immediately after his graduation he entered upon the practice of his profession at Delaware, and has since successfully conducted a general practice. In 1892 he was elected City Physician, which position he still holds.

Fraternally, he is an I. O. O. F., being a member of Olentangy Lodge, No. 53. His political affiliations are with the Republican party.

Dr. Lupton was married in Clarksburg, Ross county, Ohio, August 9, 1883, to Miss Della Bush, daughter of W. H. Bush, proprietor of the Brown Palace Hotel of Denver, Colorado. Their two children are Marguerite and Elizabeth. Their residence is 126 West Winter street, and both the Doctor and his wife are members of the William Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

HORATIO COX HAMILTON was born near Irville, Muskingum county, Ohio, September 24, 1830, and was named after Judge Horatio Cox, who was then a merchant of Irville, but who now lives in Columbus, Ohio. He came with the rest of his father's family to Union county, and landed in Richwood on the evening of the 3d day of April, 1838. The family lived that summer in town, while the father and older boys were employed in building a house and arranging for the future. Horatio, with his two brothers,—Newton, who was older, and George, who

was younger,—were sent to school to Matildy Manson, who taught in the old log schoolhouse on the lot now occupied by C. W. Huffman as a residence; they were also required to carry dinner to those who were at work clearing the farm, etc., so that each forenoon, after intermission, they went home and got a good-sized market-basket full, and made the trip from town to the point where the men were at work, which is the same as where the house of G. B. Hamilton now stands, and after delivering their load of provisions, they would return to the school for the afternoon. When one thinks that it was then an unbroken forest with only a path, and that the average age of the three was only seven and a half years, it savors of real romance. Horatio remained with his father and worked, as all farmer boys did in those days, for nine or ten months of the year, going to school from forty to sixty days each winter, until the winter of 1848-9, when he taught school in the Lenox district. The following winter he taught in Richwood, and had to assume the relationship of teacher to the same children and scholars with whom he formerly went to school, and with whom he had played and frolicked. Some idea of the labor performed may be had when it is remembered that the school averaged fifty-six for the term, and for the last two months perhaps seventy or more, and that every one brought whatever book or books they could find about the house or borrow of a neighbor, so that it was impossible to classify the school. In the fall of 1851, and after he was of age, Horatio concluded that he would add somewhat to his educational advantages, and for this purpose he went to Delaware and matriculated, and entered upon a college life; but it was of short duration, and amounted to two terms of six or eight days each, so that he is what he himself calls a two-term graduate.

In the spring of 1853 he left his father and went to Cleveland, and employed himself to H. G. O. Carey, to travel and sell his medicines, the main article of which was Borrell's Indian Liniment. The first six months were spent in canvassing eastern and southern Ohio. In the fall of the same year he was sent to west Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. For four years he continued to travel from place to place, loading at Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, Galena, Rock Island, Peoria, La Fayette and Indianapolis. This gave him a very extensive knowledge of the West, and enabled him to direct others to such places as they could get good land at Congress price. The result is that very many families are now in the West and have homes to which they were directed by him. He also took advantage of his knowledge of the West, and invested the first thousand dollars he ever earned in land in Black Hawk county, Iowa, getting for $1,000, 859 acres of as good land as a bird ever flew over, and from which he realized a comfortable fortune. It may be well to go back and say that in the summer of 1853, while at his uncle's, Irenias Springer's, he chanced to meet a little school-girl who was destined to be a partner in his successes and failures. Her name was Edmonia Dawson, a daughter of Dr. Nelson Dawson (deceased), of Putnam, Ohio. Horatio C. Hamilton and Edmonia Dawson were married in Davenport, Iowa, June 3, 1856. In the spring of 1857 they settled on their land in Black Hawk county, Iowa, and during the summer built a house and broke 120 acres of land. In the fall of the same year the panic struck Iowa,

and its wild-cat money went down and became worthless, and with it came ruin to almost everybody and everything in Iowa. Corn, wheat, oats and potatoes fell in price from $1.25 to a mere nominal price. This, with other things, caused them to leave Iowa and return to Ohio. In the fall of 1861 they came to live with his father,—'Monia to take care of the house and Horatio the farm. When the second call for volunteers was made in 1862, he was appointed by Governor Tod to recruit the quota of Union county under said call. His commission was dated July 21, 1862, and on the 6th day of August he had one full company, and quite a number who were assigned to other companies, principally to Captain Lawrence's company of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the 7th of August he was elected Captain of the company that was organized, and as such was assigned to the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was sent to Kentucky, and assigned to the command of Brigadier General S. G. Burbridge, and the brigade was attached to Major General A. J. Smith's division of the Thirteenth Army Corps. The regiment reached Kentucky on the 1st day of September, 1862. It will be remembered that at this time there was a sentiment among the new recruits that slaves and slave property were being wrongfully protected by the army, and that it was no part of a soldier's duty to protect rebel property and catch and return slaves to their masters. It began to be noticed that negroes were turned out of our lines with an ever-increasing degree of reluctance; also that Captain Hamilton was the friend of the oppressed, and that he did not always obey an order to do so inhuman a thing as to turn a fellow-man over to his rebel master, even in obedience to a positive command of a senior officer. Finally a boy, some fourteen years of age, came into the camp of the Ninety-sixth Ohio, at Nicholasville, Kentucky, calling himself William Clay, and reporting that his master was a rebel, and that he had thrown an ax at him (Billy), and that he wanted protection. He found a friend in Captain Hamilton and remained with him, as a servant, for some time, until the army was ordered to move to Louisville. On the way, and as it passed through Versailles, a person dressed in the uniform of a Union soldier came, representing himself as being on Major General A. J. Smith's staff, and as such he ordered Captain Hamilton to deliver the boy Billy to him to be turned over to the jailer as an escaped slave. This he refused to do unless the order came in writing from General Smith in the ordinary way, being countersigned by General Burbridge and Colonel I. W. Vance of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This the fellow refused to get, but notified him that he would be back in fifteen minutes with a detachment of soldiers, and that he would take the boy by force. Upon this the Captain turned to his company and told them that if it was going to be a question of force, they might load their guns and prepare for the affray. That order the company made haste to execute, and as they did so one company after another did the same, until, as far as one could see, the road seemed to glisten with the light of the sun as it was reflected by several thousand ramrods which were being used to send home the ball that was intended to perforate the hide of any man who would attempt to take Billy by force. The effect of this preparation was that the staff officer gave up his notion of taking the boy by force

at that time, but notified the Captain that the affair would be deferred till evening, at which time the boy would be taken by force and the Captain put under arrest for disobedience of orders. This kept the matter brewing in the minds of the soldiers. As soon as the army was encamped for the night the soldiers held an impromptu meeting at which speeches were made and resolutions passed approving the course of Captain Hamilton, and resolving that they would stand by him to the death. A committee was appointed to inform him of their purpose, and he was soon waited on by a soldier, who made known their action to him and requested that if any move should be made to take the boy by force, immediate notice should be given to the officers and soldiers whose names were found on a card, which was handed to the Captain. This uprising of the soldiers, occasioned by the refusal of Captain Hamilton to give up the boy Billy, had the effect to stop all effort in the Army of Kentucky to arrest or return slaves to their masters.

On reaching Louisville the army was ordered to go to Memphis and Vicksburg. The boy could not be taken, and the only thing that could be done was either to let him loose in Kentucky, to be seized upon and returned to slavery, or to send him home to Ohio. The latter the Captain chose to do, but had to force his way across the river for fear of arrest; but he finally reached New Albany, Indiana, and bought a railroad ticket to Marysville for the boy, paying for it all the money he had and going $1.25 in debt. When the boy reached Richwood it set everything in commotion. Some approved of the course of the Captain, others condemned. The party in opposition called a meeting, and resolved that the "nigger" should not be permitted to stay, and that they would return him to his master, etc. They also resolved that Captain Hamilton should not be permitted to return to Richwood. The matter got into all the papers of the State and of other States as well. Letters came to the Captain from every quarter, some approving and some disapproving his course. One man, who was given to understanding the force of what he said, wrote him that it was supposed that an effort would be made to take the boy by force and send him back to Kentucky, but he said that the Captain need not be alarmed, for that many thousands of men were armed and ready for any move that might be made to return the boy.

Billy Clay and H. C. Hamilton both live in Richwood at this time, and this story would not have been told if it had not been for the fact of its having had so important a part in the war in overthrowing the slave power, and in developing liberal and Christian sentiment at home. During the winter of 1862–3, while with Sherman's army, Captain Hamilton contracted a nervous disease, the external evidence of which appeared as a cutaneous disease called lepra, from the effects of which he became as spotted as a leopard. In August following, he resigned his office of Captain and came home, since which time he has been a resident of Union county. He was prospered in business, and bought and paid for the Hamilton homestead, and was supposed to be a man of wealth until the panic of 1873, when, by bad management and security debts, he became involved and sold his property at a low figure and paid his debts. His wife, Edmonia, was taken from him by death on January 29, 1877. On March 4, 1879, he was married to Miss Molly Ken-

dall, and they now live together in the village of Richwood. In the meantime he partially regained his health as well as property, and bids fair for long life and future usefulness. In religious matters he is somewhat peculiar, and cares nothing for the religion that one feels, but goes his last dollar on the religion that one does.—From Howe's History of Ohio.

HENRY FLECKNER, of Sunbury, Ohio, occupies a prominent position in business circles. He is proprietor of a stone quarry near by, which adds not a little to his income. He was born June 28, 1844, and is a son of Peter and Catherine Fleckner.

When quite young, Henry Fleckner started out in life for himself, spending his boyhood in work in the ore mines of Maryland. At the age of eighteen he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting for three years' service as a member of Company A, Eighteenth Regiment of United States Regulars. After leaving Lebanon, Kentucky, he was continuously in active service and participated in some of the most important engagements of the civil war, including the battle of Perryville, siege of Corinth, Hoover's Gap, Stone River (where he was wounded in the right eye), Chickamauga (where he was wounded in the right leg), charge on Missionary Ridge, Resaca and during Sherman's march, was wounded in the right arm at Dallas, Georgia, or near New Hope Church.

Mr. Fleckner had taken up his residence in Delaware in 1858, and was engaged in farm work until he joined the boys in blue. When the war was over and the country no longer needed his services he returned to his home in Delaware, and for a time was engaged in teaming and contracting, making and grading streets. In 1877 he became a resident of Sunbury, where he has since made his home and established a stone quarry, which he is yet successfully conducting. He also owns thirty-two acres of land which yield a fine quality of freestone and he there has a good quarry.

In 1866 Mr. Fleckner was united in marriage with Miss Louisa C. Burrer, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Burrer. They became the parents of four children, but Charles Robert and Julia K. are now deceased; Harry and Carrie being the only ones living.

Mr. Fleckner is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Delaware and belongs also to Galena Lodge, No. 404, I. O. O. F., and Sparr Lodge, No. 400, A. F. & A. M. His business success has been achieved through careful management and well-directed efforts, and is therefore justly merited.

DR. E. LUELLEN, one of the representative and popular physicians and surgeons of Morrow county, Ohio, retains his residence and base of professional operations in Westfield township, and controls a large practice throughout this portion of the county. His father, Philip Luellen, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer by occupation, being a son of Samuel Luellen, who was born in the same county, as was also his father, Philip. The family is of pure Welsh descent, and was represented in the early pioneer history of the old Keystone State. The mother of our subject was Hannah (Chase) Luellen, a

native of the State of New York, and a daughter of Lewis Chase, who was born in the same State, being of English extraction, and a descendant of one of three brothers, who simultaneously emigrated to the New World. The parents of our subject's mother moved to Meigs county, Ohio, after their marriage,—this being about eighty years ago. They were the parents of three sons. The mother of Dr. Luellen had been previously married to a Mr. Birch, and they had four children, namely: Electa, deceased, was the wife of Jonas Foust, and was the mother of five children; Herman is a resident of Delaware county, this State; Almira, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Van Brimmer, and left four children; Melinda is the wife of Elijah Bishop, of Delaware county, and they are the parents of three sons and three daughters.

The parents of our subject were married in Meigs county about 1822, and they soon removed to Delaware county, where they remained two years, after which they located in Marlborough township, which was later annexed to Marion county, and which now constitutes Waldo township, Marion county. There the father died in 1833, his widow passing away, at a venerable age, in 1891. Our subject was the only child of this marriage. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but after the death of her husband, the mother united with the Baptist Church. When they took up their residence in this section they settled in the woods, their abiding place being one of the little log houses common to the place and period, and their nearest neighbors being a mile distant.

Dr. E. Luellen, the subject of this sketch, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, February 21, 1824. He was three years of age when he came to Delaware county, where he was reared to farm life until sixteen years of age, and attended a log schoolhouse. He then came to Westfield village to learn the tanners' trade, which he followed for four years. His health becoming impaired, Mr. Luellen began the study of medicine with Dr. George Granger, of Westfield, and later graduated at the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio. For the following five years he practiced with Dr. Granger in this village, when the latter retired from the firm, and our subject has since continued the practice of medicine alone. He has been a practitioner here for forty-two years, excepting an interval of four years, during which time he conducted a drug store in Delaware. In addition to this practice, the Doctor has also operated a farm of 130 acres of well-improved land.

He was married December 14, 1853, to Nancy Trindle, born April 2, 1824, in Westfield township, Morrow (then Delaware) county, a daughter of James and Anna (Brundage) Trindle. Doctor and Mrs. Luellen became the parents of two children: Clara Estella, born April 1, 1857, died August 30, 1880, and James C., born in Westfield, August 11, 1858. He received his education in this village and at Union Institute, Delaware. He attends to the farm of 330 acres belonging to him and his father, 250 acres of which is general farming land, and is also extensively engaged in the raising of Aberdeen Angus thoroughbred cattle, which have taken premiums at the Delaware and Morrow county fairs. He also has registered Jersey cows. The Doctor and his son are stanch Republicans, and in an early day the former was a member of the Whig party. Socially he is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Society. The

family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the Doctor is Steward, and the son Trustee. The latter has also served as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday-school.

C. L. VAN BRIMMER, ex-Recorder of Morrow county, Ohio, is now a retired citizen of Mount Gilead. We take pleasure in presenting the following sketch of his life in this work:

The Van Brimmer family was of Dutch origin, and Jacob Van Brimmer, the father of C. L., is supposed to have been born in Holland. He was married in Ohio to Miss Almira Birch, a native of the Buckeye State, and after their marriage they settled in Delaware county, Ohio, from whence they shortly afterward removed to Indiana and located at Napoleon, Ripley county, where he died in 1842. The mother, with her little family, in the following autumn returned to Marion (now Morrow) county, Ohio, and settled on a place owned by her brother, Herman Birch, until her second marriage, which was to Nehemiah Smith. The family then removed to Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, where some time later she died, and was buried in the Coles cemetery, Baptist, Delaware county, Ohio. She had five children by her first marriage, of whom four are living, namely: Delight, wife of Amasa Holt, Delaware county, Ohio; C. L., the subject of this article; Amanda, wife of John McCannon, of Westerville, Delaware county, Ohio; and Martha, wife of Edwin M. Conklin, Westfield township, Morrow county. John, a member of Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, died of disease in 1862, the week following his return home from the army. His remains repose in the Coles cemetery, Baptist, in Delaware county, Ohio.

C. L. Van Brimmer was born at Napoleon, Indiana, November 8, 1841, and grew to manhood in the county in which he now lives, receiving only a limited education, and early in life being thrown upon his own resources. He first worked out as a farm hand and later was engaged in house painting. He was in the employ of Josephus McLaid when the civil war broke out, and in May, 1861, enlisted in the three months' service, being placed in Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and serving his time in camp in this State. At the expiration of that time the Third Ohio was reorganized and was sent to Virginia, and some time later to Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, Mr. Van Brimmer remaining with it and taking part in all the battles and skirmishes in which it was engaged. At Perryville, about 3 o'clock p. m., October 8, 1862, he was struck by a fragment of a shell and had his right arm nearly torn off at the elbow. It was amputated in the field hospital. He was then moved to Antioch Church, three miles in the rear, thence to a sheep shed, remaining two days, and from there to Perryville, where he remained about a month. He was afterward in hospital at Louisville, and from there was sent to Camp Dennison, Ohio. April 1, 1863, he was discharged and returned home. He then began painting, making his home at Westfield. After his marriage, which occurred in 1867, he continued to reside in Westfield for two years, from there removing to Cardington, this county, and in 1881 coming to Mount Gilead, where he has since made his home. While in Cardington he was employed as painter in a carriage shop and

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furniture factory, being in the furniture factory of J. S. Peck for about thirteen years.

Mr. Van Brimmer was married in 1867 to Miss Lorinda M. Bishop, a native of Westfield township, this county, and a daughter of Joseph and Sally M. (Place) Bishop, both deceased. Her father, also a native of this township, was a son of Elisha Bishop, who was born in Virginia and who was one of the pioneers of the Western Reserve; her mother a native of Onondaga county, New York, was a daughter of John F. Place, also of the Empire State and an early settler of this part of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had five children, three of whom are living: Anson W., of Henry county, Ohio; Loretta A. Williams, Van Wert, Ohio; and Mrs. Van Brimmer. Two sons are deceased,—Henry and Brazilla. The former was Sergeant in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry and after taking part in the battles of Perrysville and Chickamauga died while in the service, in 1863. Mr. Van Brimmer went South and brought home his body, and his remains repose in the Baptist cemetery at Westfield, Ohio. Brazilla W. was a soldier in the same regiment. He also took part in the battle of Perrysville and died after the war, of disease contracted while in the service; he was also buried in the Baptist cemetery at Westfield, Ohio. Both were married and left widows.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Brimmer have two children: Curtis L. and Clarence J. Curtis L., married Minnie B. Hall: they have one child, Martha Louise: they live in Toledo, Ohio. After a service of five years with the T. & O. C. R. R. he accepted a more lucrative position with the C. H. & D. R. R., some two years since. Clarence J. also has a position in the C. H. & D. office at Toledo.

Mr. Van Brimmer is a member of the G. A. R.; the U. V. L., of which he is a Color Bearer; and the Royal Arcanum at Mount Gilead, being its Vice Regent. Politically, he is a Republican and has always taken an active part in public affairs, frequently serving as delegate to conventions. In 1882 he was elected Recorder of Morrow county, and served in that capacity six years. After his term of office expired he was for a time employed in a railroad office in Toledo, but he is now, as stated at the beginning of this sketch, living retired.

REV. JOHN G. VENNEMAN, priest in charge of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Marysville, Ohio, a man of ripe scholarship and marked executive ability, whose life has been consecrated to the cause of his Master and the uplifting of men, must of a surety be accorded mention in this connection. Father Venneman is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born at Cincinnati, February 17, 1835. His parents, both of whom are now deceased, were J. G. Venneman and Catherine (Washford) Venneman, who were of Holland descent, and who were for many years residents of Evansville, Indiana, where the father was a man of prominence, having been engaged in the wholesale grocery business. He was a pioneer in this line of enterprise at Evansville. Our subject is one of seven children, four of whom are living. He passed his childhood days at Evansville, and upon attaining the age of eleven years he was placed at St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, where he took the preliminary course of in-

struction, after which he entered St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated at the early age of seventeen years. Soon after his graduation, our subject went to Boston for the purpose of taking up a course of theological study, with a view to preparing himself for holy orders. He completed his divinity course in 1867, was duly graduated, and after a time proceeded to Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was presented and ordained to the order of priesthood by the Bishop of Kansas, Rt. Rev. J. B. Meige. In the interim between his graduation and ordination Father Venneman had not been idle. In 1855 he became a teacher in the Jesuit college at Spring Hill, Alabama, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which time he was transferred to St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, and subsequently to St. Joseph's College, Kentucky. After his ordination he continued in the educational field for a time, becoming a professor at St. Ignatius College, Chicago, and holding the office as director of the institution for two years. After this he was retained in charge of the department of poetry at St. Louis University for a period of four years, thereafter entering upon the more specific exercise of his priestly functions by going as missionary to Alabama, visiting the rude settlements in the great pine forests of that State, encountering many vicissitudes and enduring many hardships and inconveniences. He continued his work for three years, and then came North and conducted missions in several of the Eastern cities, after which he went to Helena, Montana, and took charge of all the missions and stations between that point and Miles City, covering a distance of nearly 600 miles. This heavy burden he bore for about four years, being on the road more than 300 days in each year, in all kinds of weather and with the mercury ranging at times between thirty and fifty degrees below zero. He also did missionary duty in Wyoming Territory for somewhat more than a year, after which he came to Marysville, where he has since resided, not resting from arduous toil, but laboring in a more quiet, peaceful field, not marked for so great a physical tension as superinduced to that of the mind.

While in Montana Father Venneman erected two churches, one at Miles City and one at Boulder City, also beginning the erection of a third. The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes was established in Marysville about thirty years ago, being for a number of years in charge of the priests from Columbus, Delaware, and Urbana, Ohio. About 1870, the first resident pastor, Father Paul, was secured, and since that time the charge has had regular incumbents, viz.: Fathers Keffmeyer, Menke, Mazuret, Murphy, Dexter, and Hickey. Our subject was assigned to this parish in 1891, and he also has charge of the church organizations at Milford Center, Mechanicsburg, Woodstock, North Lewisburg, and Irwin, the total membership in the churches under his charge aggregating nearly one hundred families. The church in Marysville has now a membership of about twenty families, and its affairs are in a prosperous condition. The church building, which is merely a chapel, was erected many years ago, and has proved inadequate for the accommodation of the parishioners, who look forward to the erection of a modern and commodious edifice in the near future.

Father Venneman has been quite an extensive traveler, having visited Mexico, California, and the European continent. He

attended the great International Exposition at Paris, and subsequently made an extended tour through the southern part of the continent. A man of courteous bearing, genial in manner, and a fluent and interesting conversationalist, he bears his years lightly, appearing a full score of years younger than he really is. He is still an assiduous student, and maintains a high interest in literature, having devoted his time, while in educational work, principally to teaching the languages and literature. His private library is one which shows his fine literary tastes, and is very comprehensive and admirably selected. A man who is true to his faith and charitable in all his dealings with his fellow men, Father Venneman holds not only the love of his own parishioners, but has the respect and esteem of all who know him.

EDGAR E. NEAL, editor and proprietor of the Morrow County Independent Cardington, Ohio, is a son of one of the early settlers of this State.

Mr. Neal's grandfather Neal came from the Emerald Isle to this country at an early day and settled in Maine, where he married a native of England. Their son, Daniel B., the father of Edgar E., was born in Maine, February 15, 1815. He came West to Ohio and here, in 1849, married Mary L. Bingham, a native of New York State, born March 1, 1830, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Hagar) Bingham. Her parents moved to this State in 1836 and settled one mile north of Mount Gilead, where they passed the rest of their lives and died, he being eighty-six at the time of death and she seventy-three. Four of their children are now living, viz.: Mrs. Freeman Tabor, of Kendallville, Indiana; D. C. Bingham, of Gilead township, this county; Mrs. C. W. Carpenter, of Gilead township; and Mrs. Neal, of Mount Gilead. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Neal settled on a farm in Canaan township, this county, and two years later removed to Mount Gilead, where he carried on the business of gunsmith for a number of years. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, and in politics was a Republican. He died in the West, in 1878. Of their five children, we record that Johnson B. married Libbie Smith, *née* Work, and was in partnership with our subject until December 7, 1892, when he died, leaving a widow and child, Harold; Edgar E. was the second born; Dr. C. H. is given personal mention elsewhere in this work; C. C., of Cardington, married Sadie Campbell and has two children, Edna L. and Howard Kent; and Inez, who resides with mother at Mount Gilead.

Edgar E. Neal was born April 23, 1852, at Mount Gilead, and was reared and educated here, being a graduate of the high school with the class of 1869. He served an apprenticeship in the printing business at Mount Gilead, and afterward worked for six years in various places, principally Cleveland, St. Louis and Kansas City. Then for three years he had charge of his mother's farm. In 1882 he came to Cardington and took control of the Independent, which he is still conducting successfully, his home, however, being at Mount Gilead.

Mr. Neal was married December 24, 1889, to Mrs. Emma (Bunker) Doty, a native of Cardington township, Morrow county, born August 17, 1853, and educated at Cardington and Ada. For some years she was a popular and successful teacher. She has two children, both by her first marriage,

namely: Frances and Harley Doty. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while he is a Universalist. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order at Cardington and the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias at Mount Gilead. In politics, he has been a Republican all his life, and he has always taken an active interest in political affairs, this year, 1894, serving as Secretary of the Republican County Convention.

JOHN McCRACKEN, a farmer of Morrow county, is a son of Joseph McCracken, born in Bengal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1800, a son of John and Hester McCracken. The father, of Scotch-Irish descent, was one of the early pioneers of Pennsylvania, and remained there until his death. Joseph McCracken was a harness-maker by trade, and remained in his native place until 1836, when he came to Ohio, locating on a farm in Holmes county. From 1840 to 1850 he lived on a rented farm in Chester township, now Morrow county, spent the following ten years on a farm in Harmony township, and then returned to Chesterville. His wife died there in 1874, and since that time he has made his home with his daughter one mile south of Chesterville, aged ninety-four years. Mr. McCracken was married in Pennsylvania to Elizabeth Weirich, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1809, a daughter of Christopher and Sarah Weirich, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. Joseph McCracken and wife had ten children, all of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: John, the subject of this sketch; Christopher, of Chesterville; Sarah, deceased; Samuel, a resident of Michigan; Wilson, deceased; Simon, of Centerburg, Ohio; Isaac, of Newark, Ohio; George, also of Centerburg; Hettie, wife of Sampel Stilly, of Chester township; and Charlotte, wife of Benjamin Wilson, of Centerburg, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken were members of the Methodist Church.

John McCracken, the subject of this sketch, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1824. When twelve years of age he came to Ohio, attending school two winters, and worked on his father's farm until seventeen years of age. He learned and followed the blacksmith's trade in Chesterville until 1873, and since that time has followed agricultural pursuits. He now owns 300 acres of the best farming land in the county.

In April, 1861, Mr. McCracken enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was appointed Corporal, and served until the expiration of his three months' term of enlistment. In May, 1864, he entered Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was appointed Sergeant, and served his term of enlistment at Alexandria, Virginia.

In 1846 our subject was united in marriage with Elizabeth Meredith, born in what is now Morrow county in 1825, a daughter of William and Mary (Farmer) Meredith, early pioneers of this locality, but both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken had two children: Weirich, deceased; and Mary, wife of Phineas Squires, of Chesterville, and they have four children. Mrs. McCracken departed this life in 1890. In the following year our subject married Sarah J. (Blakeley) Meredith, born in Bel-

mont county, Ohio, March 4, 1829, and educated at Mount Gilead. She is the daughter of John and Jane (Talbot) Blakeley, natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, the former born in 1801, and the latter in 1800. They came to Ohio at the age of seventy years. The paternal grandparents, William and Letitia (Russell) Blakeley, were natives of Virginia, of Scotch-Irish descent. The maternal grandparents, Thomas and Ruth (Ferguson) Talbot, were also natives of Virginia. John Blakeley and wife had six children, viz: Ruth, wife of John Newson; Letitia, widow of Nathan Coe; Sarah J., wife of John McCracken; Nancy Livenspire, of Mount Gilead; Mary Miller, deceased; and Susan Corwin, also of Mount Gilead. Mrs. McCracken is a member of the Baptist Church.

John McCracken is a member of the Masonic order at Chesterville, having been the first to take the third degree in Chester Lodge, No. 236, and is at present the oldest in membership in the lodge. He has served as Junior Warden, Treasurer and Trustee of the order. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as Trustee of Chester township six years; in 1886 was elected County Commissioner for three years, and refused to serve longer. He has been constantly a delegate to conventions, in which he has always taken an active and leading part. He has settled several estates, having been assignee of two large firms, which were settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned. One of the old-time blacksmiths of Chesterville was Sanford Modie, now deceased. He and Mr. McCracken were partners in the business here for thirteen years, they never having had a word of disagreement during the entire time.

WILLIAM H. CURL, of Cardington township, Morrow county, is a son of William Curl, who was born in Clarke county, Ohio, August 9, 1807. His father, Jerry Curl, was one of the early pioneers of that county, and died there in 1826. William Curl, Sr., was married in Clarke county, March 1, 1827, to Margaret Arbagast, born on the banks of the Potomac, in Virginia, January 14, 1808, a daughter of Peter Arbagast, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, who moved to Clarke county, Ohio, about 1816. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1835 William Curl and wife came to what is now Cardington township, Morrow county, locating on a heavily timbered farm three miles west of Cardington, which he cleared and improved. Mr. Curl was first a Whig, later a Republican, and died a Prohibitionist. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Curl had five children, namely: Jane, wife of John Sellars, of Cardington township; Henry W., of Cardington city; Emily, who has been married three times, and is now the wife of Reuben Aldrich; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Mary, widow of Enos Welch, of Cardington. The father departed this life in April, 1887, and his wife survived until September 9, 1889.

William H. Curl was born in Clarke county, Ohio, August 20, 1834, and was only one year old when brought to Morrow county. He has followed agricultural pursuits here a number of years, but since 1882 he has been practically retired from active labor. He is a director of the First National Bank of Cardington, is a member of the City Board of Education, has been a member of the City Council, and has served

as Supervisor and School Director. In political matters he is identified with the Republican party, but also works with the Prohibitionists.

April 27, 1854, Mr. Curl was united in marriage with Rebecca Johnson, born in Cardington township, Morrow county, February 2, 1832, a daughter of William Johnson, deceased, a prominent pioneer of this county. To this union were born three children, —P. N., born January 30, 1855, and a graduate of Sharp's Business College, married Mollie McKibben, resides in New Albany, Indiana, and has two sons and two daughters; Sarah Lusena, born September 11, 1856, was the wife of Charles F. Ossing, and died October 27, 1887, leaving two daughters; Lemuel Otho, born May 10, 1858, married Eva Beatty, resides in Cardington township, and has two sons and one daughter. Mrs. Curl departed this life May 9, 1864. September 14, of that year, our subject married Susannah Shaw, born in what was then Marvin township, Delaware county, Ohio, February 21, 1841, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary Ann (Barry) Shaw. Mrs. Curl was reared and educated in Westfield township. She taught school one term in Marion county and eight terms in Morrow county. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Curl, as follows: Jonathan, born March 22, 1866, was killed by a team, attached to a mower, running away September 8, 1877; William H., born May 29, 1868, resides in Forest, Ohio; Margaret O., born March 25, 1873, is the wife of C. W. Myers, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have one son, Gilbert H.; Ellis Ray, born November 26, 1879; Troy Walters, September 3, 1881, and Stella Flossie, born March 21, 1885. Mrs. Curl is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Lady Maccabees, Mr. Curl is a Class-leader and teacher of the Bible class in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife is also a member of the same church.

The Curl family reunion for this year was held at the residence of our subject, on South Marion street. There were present four generations of the family, about 100 in all. The yard was beautifully decorated, tables groaning beneath the load of good things to eat were spread, and the appetites of those present were ample testimony of the excellence of the viands and the cookery. William H. Curl was master of ceremonies, and presided with grace and ease. Henry Curl made an address of welcome which was full of good thoughts. Revs. Hinton, Struggles and Brown made short speeches appropriate to the occasion. All present enjoyed the day and pronounced the occasion a delightful one.

HENRY EDWARDS was born in Harlem township, Delaware county, Ohio, on the 27th day of February, 1859, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Cockerell) Edwards. He was reared under the parental roof and to his father gave the benefit of his services until twenty years of age. At that time he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Emily Love, of Harlem township, daughter of John and Clarsie Love, and by their union were born two daughters and a son, Jessie and Gracie, and the son not named. The mother died after the birth of the last child in 1882, and on the 10th day of September, 1885, Mr. Edwards was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Catherine Chandler, daughter of William S. and Mayleaf D. (Brown) Chandler. On

attaining his majority, Henry Edwards rented his father's farm and successfully managed and operated the same until 1894, when by inheritance he came into possession of his present farm, comprising 131 acres of good land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation.

In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles.

DR. C. H. NEAL, a prominent physician of Cardington, Ohio, forms the subject of this article. Dr. Neal dates his birth in Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, July 10, 1854. His father, Dr. Daniel B. Neal, was born in Oldtown, Maine, where he spent the first thirty years of his age. He then came to Ohio and settled in Knox county, from whence he subsequently removed to Mount Gilead, where he carried on the business of gunsmith for many years. During the latter part of his life he was a practicing physician. He died in Joplin, Missouri, at an advanced age. The Neals are of Irish origin. Dr. Daniel B. Neal married Miss Mary Bingham, a native of New York State, who came with her parents to Mount Gilead, Ohio, when she was seven years of age, where she was reared and educated and where she still resides. She is of English and German descent. They had a family of five children, namely: Johnson B., deceased; Edgar E., an editor of Cardington; Dr. Charles H., whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Clinton C., and Inez R.

Dr. C. H. Neal was reared and educated in his native town. For ten years he was engaged as a printer, four years of which time were spent at Cleveland, to which place he went in 1877. He began the study of medicine under the instruction of Dr. W. J. Scott and Dr. J. H. Lee, of Cleveland, and attended lectures at the medical college of that city. For one year he was in the Charitable Hospital, and he also spent one year at the Lying-in Hospital in Cleveland. In 1885 he came to Cardington and entered upon the active practice of his profession, and here his efforts have been attended with success, now having a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Neal was married April 11, 1889, to Elma Sharp, a native of Morrow county, and a daughter of Addison Sharp, who was reared in this county and who is a representative of one of the early pioneer families of Morrow county. They have one child, Carl.

Dr. Neal is a member of the Cuyahoga County Medical Association and of the Mystic Circle of Cardington. His political views are in harmony with the principles advocated by the Republican party, and to this party he gives his support. At this writing he is a member of the Board of Health. Both as a physician and citizen, he stands high in the estimation of the people of Cardington.

THEADORE REYNER, one of the respected citizens of Liberty township, Union county, Ohio, was born in a log cabin on the farm where he now lives, and has spent all his life in this county. The date of his birth was August 1, 1839.

Mr. Reyner's father, David Reyner, deceased, was a pioneer of this township and for many years was one of its most prominent citizens. He was born near Philadel-

phia, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1803, the youngest of the six children of John Reyner and his wife. John Reyner was one of the brave soldiers of the war of 1812. He died in 1819, his wife in 1814. David spent the first sixteen years of his life on his father's farm. Then he learned the trade of wagonmaker, at which trade he worked for six years, becoming an expert workman in wood. In 1834 he came to Ohio, first stopping in Columbiana county, and the following year coming to Union county and settling on the farm on which his son Theadore now lives, where he spent the residue of his life. He owned 108 acres at the home place, eighty-three acres a mile and a half southeast of here, and fifty-nine acres in York township, and in all his farming operations he met with prosperity. He was married in 1825 to Eliza Mann, daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth Mann, who came to this country from England and who are honest and industrious people; they resided in Pennsylvania previous to their removal to Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. David Reyner had six children, four of whom are living, namely: John, a resident of Peoria, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Isaac Skidmore, of Liberty township; Theadore, whose name heads this article; and Vianna, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Skidmore. The mother was born in February, 1799, and died March 15, 1879. The father died March 21, 1889, aged eighty-seven years. He was a man of the highest integrity and was as much respected as he was well known.

Theadore Reyner spent his early life very much as did other farmer boys in Ohio at that time. All the schooling he ever received was in his home district. There he acquired a love for books, has always been a great reader, and in home study and reading has gained a broad and general information. Books are still his favorite companions. For several years he lived a mile and a half south of the old home and has resided there since 1889. This farm comprises 108 acres of choice land, is well watered by Mill creek, and has nice improvements in the way of buildings, fences, etc. The frame residence is built on the Southern plan and is located back from the highway, an avenue bordered with hedge leading up to it. The old house in which Mr. Reyner was born is now used as a repair shop.

He was married March 29, 1879, to Sarah Grubbs, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, April 7, 1851, daughter of Atwell and Polina (Wheeler) Grubbs, her father a resident of Logan county, her mother deceased, Sarah being her mother's only child. Mr. and Mrs. Reyner have five children, namely: Mary Edna, born January 1, 1880; Charles A., June 27, 1882; Jessie Eliza, December 8, 1884; William C., April 14, 1887; and Polina Carrie, September 26, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Reyner are members of the Disciple Church. Politically, Mr. Reyner is a Democrat.

HON. HUGH G. ROGERS, a farmer of Morrow county, also proprietor of Rogers Lake, was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1833. His father, George Rogers, was born in Wales, and came to America with his parents when a boy, locating in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, where his father died. Our subject's mother, *née* Catherine Rees, was a native of South Wales, and came to

America with her parents in 1801, locating in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, where her father, Hugh Rees, also a native of that country, subsequently died. Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers were married in Pennsylvania, where the former remained until his death. The mother departed this life in Ohio, and was buried in Chester cemetery.

Hugh G. Rogers, the tenth of eleven children, was six years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio. On reaching his sixteenth year he returned to Pennsylvania, where he attended the Ebensburgh high school, and from there he went to Philadelphia and learned stair building and joiner work. At the age of twenty years he went to Altoona, Blair county, and worked on the first building in the town, for the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company; spent three months in Davenport, Iowa; was engaged in contracting and building with David Randolph, at Mount Vernon, Ohio, three years, and then came to Morrow county. Mr. Rogers' first work here was on the residence of Benjamin Evans, and next he finished the Methodist Episcopal Church at Chesterville, but lost money on that venture.

In 1862 our subject enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company C, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was soon promoted to Sergeant. He was with General Sherman at Vicksburg and at Arkansas Post, and on account of sickness was then sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and honorably discharged. Returning to Morrow county, Mr. Rogers located on fifty acres of land in Harmony township, to which he afterward added fifty acres more. He then sold that property and purchased and located on 112½ acres in Chester township, remaining there seventeen years, and in the meantime purchased the William McCracken farm in the same township, where he now resides. The place contains 236 acres. On that property is located the Rogers Lake, comprising seven acres, and is well improved and fitted for a summer resort. Mr. Rogers was elected to represent Morrow and Marion counties in the Legislature of 1893. In his social relations, he is a member of the G. A. R., in which he has served two years as Post Commander.

He was married July 4, 1855, to Rachel Evans, of Welsh descent. They had three children: George, Thomas (deceased in young manhood) and Olive. The latter was the wife of Cassius Brown, and at her death left two children, Daniel H. and Grace M. The wife and mother died November 11, 1870. For his second wife Mr. Rogers married Eliza Bruce, a native of Morrow county, a daughter of Joel Bruce, a native of Virginia, but an early settler of this county. No children have been born to this union.

CEPTER STARK is a native of Kingston township, Delaware county, and one of its representative farmers. He was born April 14, 1830, and is a son of Oliver and Eliza (Patrick) Stark. His mother was the first white child born in Kingston township, and now resides on a farm adjoining our subject, at the age of eighty-four years. Oliver Stark claims Pennsylvania as the State of his nativity, and there he remained until he had attained his majority, when he came to Ohio, locating at what is known as Stark's Corners. He made his first purchase of land in Porter township. Two sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Stark, namely: Sarah, now deceased; Mary, wife of James Sherman, an agriculturist of Delaware county; Angeline, wife of De Lacy Walton, a resident of Kingston township; Joseph, of the same township; and the subject of this sketch, who is the eldest of the family.

Cepter Stark received but limited school privileges, but his training at farm labor was not meagre. As soon as old enough he commenced following the plow, and at the age of eighteen years began trading in stock and buying wool. He has since carried on the latter pursuit, sometimes buying as high as 600,000 pounds of wool in one season. He has also given considerable attention to agricultural pursuits, and at this writing owns more than 2,100 acres of rich and valuable land.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Stark chose Miss Sylvia Benton, and their marriage, which was celebrated in 1864, was blessed with a family of two sons and three daughters: Charles, now deceased; Grace; Ethel, who is engaged in teaching; Blanche, and Bert. The mother of this family was called to the home beyond in January, 1883, and in October of the same year Mr. Stark was again married, his second union being with Miss Nina Ross, a granddaughter of John Ross, one of the oldest settlers of Delaware county, and a daughter of William and Ellen (Whitney) Ross. They had a family of nine children: Charles, who now resides in Delaware; Nina, wife of our subject; Madge, wife of Henry Baker, of Delaware; Wilch, deceased; Lake, wife of Frank Boyle, of Columbus, Ohio; Samuel and Tad, both of whom are located in Delaware; Allen, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; and Claude, who makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Stark. The father of this family died in April, 1881, but his widow is still living in Delaware.

The farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Stark reside is one of the best in this county. Their home is an elegant modern residence, which was erected in 1883 at a cost of $5,000. It is neatly and tastefully furnished, and the ruling spirit of the home is hospitality, which is freely extended to their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Stark have one son, Glenn. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In Mr. Stark we see a self-made man, who began life for himself empty-handed, having no capital save a bright hope of the future and a determination to succeed. By perseverance he has overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path, and by industry and enterprise has steadily worked his way upward from an humble position to one of affluence.

WILLIAM A. McMASTER, a prominent farmer of Brown township, Delaware county, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, September 8, 1823, a son of Benjamin and Aminda (Humphrey) McMaster, the latter a native of Liberty township, Delaware county, Ohio. The father was a native of Oswego county, New York, and came to Ohio in 1811, and his death occurred at the age of ninety-three years. He was a son of Robert McMaster, a native of Scotland. William A. McMaster, the subject of this sketch, owns a good farm of 103 acres in Brown township, Delaware county, Ohio, which contains a comfortable residence, barns and all other necessary farm improvements. He is one of the prominent and successful men

of his township, and is respected by all for his honest dealings and sterling worth. Mr. McMaster was married in this county at the age of twenty-three years, to Margaret Eaton, a native of Morrow county, Ohio, and a daughter of David and Elizabeth Eaton. They came to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1821. Our subject and wife had the following children: Aminda Norris, A. L., Amelia McDonald, Nettie Perry (deceased), and Stella. A. L. McMaster was born November 10, 1848. In 1873, he married Ellen Moore, a daughter of George Moore. At her death she left two children, —Maurice E. and Nellie M. In 1889 A. L. McMaster married Jennie R. Forbs. Mrs. William A. McMaster died July 13, 1887, at the age of sixty-one years. Our subject afterward married Louisa Gardner, widow of Joel Gardner.

WILLIAM STILLINGS, another one of the well-known farmers of Union township, Union county, Ohio, dates his birth in Allen township, this county, February 14, 1843.

Mr. Stillings is a son of Thomas Stillings, one of the pioneers of Union county and now a resident of Milford Centre. He was born in Maryland, came to Ohio at an early day, and in Champaign county was married to Somelia Dines. They settled in Allen township, this county, where they resided for a number of years and where he developed a fine farm. They had four children, of whom three are living: William, whose name appears above; Edward, who resides at the old homestead in Allen township; and French G., a resident of Union township, this county. Lewis, a member of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, died of disease contracted in the army, but not until after his father had brought him home.

The subject of our sketch was reared on his father's farm and was still in his 'teens when the civil war came on. Eager to enlist his services for the protection of the Stars and Stripes, he entered the army, but on account of youth his father brought him back. In July, 1864, he enlisted in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company B, and served for six months, being on duty in Kentucky. For some time he was sick with malarial fever at Camp Nelson and from there came home with his brother, later being honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio.

Until 1871 Mr. Stillings was engaged in farming in Allen township, and since that year he has resided on his present farm. This place was known for a time as the "Dave" Watson farm. At an earlier period it was a part of a large tract owned by General Taylor, who gave it to his son-in-law, a Mr. Tobat. This Mr. Tobat was a Southerner. He built a house on the Southern plan and had a race track, and brought with him to this State a number of slaves. The slaves, however, nearly all ran away, and he and his family finally returned to his old Kentucky home. Mr. Stillings has a modern residence, erected at a cost of $2,000, located on a natural building site and surrounded by an attractive lawn. He has a good barn, 38 x 40 feet, and other substantial farm buildings, and his whole premises give evidence of thrift and prosperity. The farm comprises 135 acres.

Mr. Stillings was married January 1, 1865, to Emily E. Wood, daughter of Michael Scribner Wood and his wife Eliza (Thair) Wood, natives of Crawford

county, Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Union county, Ohio. Her parents had a a family of eight children, namely: Alpheus, Lebeus, Dennis, Joseph, Clarinda, Thaddeus, Michael and Emily. The father died in 1881, at the age of seventy-five years, the mother, when Mrs. Stillings was only twelve years old. They were members of the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stillings have seven children, as follows: Charles; Stella, a clerk in the large establishment of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago; John; Nelly, also with Marshall Field & Co.; Provie, wife of Elmer Adams; Carrie, who graduated in the high school at Milford Centre in 1893; and Lizzie.

In his political views, Mr. Stillings is in accord with the Republican party. He has served the public as a Township Trustee and member of the School Board. Fraternally, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., a member of Derby Lodge, No. 636, and Encampment No. 87, of Marysville. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

ELLERY P. BROWN, a farmer of Chester township, Morrow county, is a son of George Brown, who was born in Rhode Island in 1796. He was a son of George Brown, Sr. The mother of our subject, *née* Beulah Sutleff, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1802, and was a member of one of the old and prominent families of that State. The parents were married in Infield, Tompkins county, New York. They located on a farm near Ithaca, but in 1836 came to Ohio, settling on unimproved land in Franklin township, Knox (now Morrow) county. The township at that time contained only six log cabins. The mother died there in 1868, and the father in 1870. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom reached years of maturity: Dr. William, who died at Washington, District of Columbia, while in the service of the United States Government in civil war; Edmund, deceased in October, 1894; Ellery, the subject of this sketch; Amanda, wife of James Frew; and George, deceased, was principal of the Cardington schools. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The former was an old-line Whig.

Ellery P. Brown was born in Tompkins county, New York, September 7, 1827, and during his boyhood days assisted in clearing the farm. After reaching his majority, he purchased 190 acres of land near his home, which he farmed eighteen years, and after his marriage spent one year at Mount Gilead. He then came to his present place of 240 acres, all under a fine state of cultivation, and where, in 1882, he erected one of the finest residences in the county.

Mr. Brown was married in May, 1853, to Phœbe E. Talmage, born in Franklin township, Morrow county, June 28, 1827, a daughter of John and Rhoda (Gardner) Talmage. They came to Ohio in 1817, and were among the pioneer settlers of Morrow county. The father was one of the prominent men of this community, and was a leading member in the Methodist Church. Our subject and wife have had four children, viz.: Alice, wife of Elmer McIntyre; Clarence, who graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University before twenty-one years of age, and is now a minister in the First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City; George, who resides near Fulton, Morrow county; and Blanche, principal of a Chicago kindergarten.

Ellery Brown and wife are members of the Methodist Church, in which the former has served as Trustee, Steward, and Class-leader for many years. He has taken an active interest in school work, and has served as a member of the School Board. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party, in which he has taken a leading part. He has served as Trustee of Chester township.

J. D. WOOD, one of the well known and representative agriculturists of Allen township, Union county, Ohio, was born on the old homestead farm in this county, January 5, 1848, his father, W. C. Wood, having also been born on the old homestead, December 5, 1829, his father, Luther Wood, having been one of the pioneer settlers in this county. Luther Wood was born in the vicinity of Fredonia, New York, and came of a prominent and patrician New England stock.

W. C. Wood, father of our subject, became one of the leading and representative men of his native county, where he was reared and educated and where he passed the entire span of his life. He married Maria McWilliams, a woman of much refinement, the daughter of Alexander McWilliams, who was born near Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia). She has passed nearly her entire life in this county, and is now a resident of Milford Centre. After his marriage Mr. Wood settled on eighty acres of land in Allen township and then set himself the task of clearing the same of forest trees and bringing it to a state of cultivation. He was industrious and honorable, possessed a most discriminating judgment, and his efforts were ultimately crowned with success. He accumulated a nice property before his death, which occurred in 1886. In politics he was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to the same and ever after supported its principles and policies. He was a most zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford Centre and for many years was one of the officials of the organization. Honored alike for his unswerving rectitude of character and his intelligence and executive ability, his death was deeply deplored in the community where he had passed his life and to whose interests he had ever been devoted. The members of his family are adherents of the Methodist Church.

W. C. and Maria Wood became the parents of five children, four of whom are living: Alice is the wife of Stanton Marsh, of Allen township; J. D. is the subject of this review; Luther A. is a resident of this township; Anna is the wife of M. D. Coe, of Union township; and one child died in infancy.

J. D. Wood was reared on the old homestead and early became inured to the sturdy duties incidental to its cultivation. His theoretical educational discipline was that which the public schools afforded, but the later years, with their practical duties and demands, have rounded out his knowledge in a most symmetrical manner. He was enabled to attend the public schools in Marysville for a time and profited duly by the opportunities thus afforded him.

Mr. Wood's landed estate in this county comprises 314 acres of choice land, a large portion of the same being situated on the rich bottom lands of Big Darby creek. The entire farmstead is under a most effective sys-

tem of cultivation and gives evidence that its operation is one in which enterprise and progressive methods are brought to bear. The permanent improvements include a very commodious and handsome residence of modern and attractive architecture, the same having been erected, in 1887, at a cost of $4,000. The home is delightfully situated and is surrounded with attractive lawns. Two large barns and other buildings are of substantial order and neatly kept, and a modern windmill supplies water for both domestic and farm purposes. Mr. Wood has a large number of excellent horses and denotes considerable attention to general stock-raising. On the place is a maple orchard of 1,500 trees, which is one of the most extensive in the county and from which is derived a large annual output of sugar.

January 6, 1870, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Addie Wilber, a lady of much refinement, who was born, reared and educated in Allen township, her parents, James and Sarah Wilber, having both died in this township, where they were prominent and honored residents. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have had three children, namely: Ida May, who graduated from the Marysville high school in 1891; Lillie Estelle, who graduated at the same school in the class of 1892; and one child who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Wood votes with the Republican party, and in his fraternal relations he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, retaining a membership in Darby Lodge, No. 636, of Milford Centre, and Encampment No. 114, of Marysville. He and his wife and daughters are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milford Centre, and Mr. Wood is one of the Trustees of the organization. He is a man who is honored by all who know him and one whose influence in the community is ever directed along the line of all that is good and true. He has been a most active worker in advancing church and educational causes, and has taken a prominent part in temperance work.

HENRY BARTLETT.—The name which the subject of this sketch bears is one that has been identified with the history of this section of the Buckeye State since the early pioneer days, and is one which has gained and granted honor as one generation followed another. He was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, August 8, 1838, being the son of Lester Bartlett, a native of the State of New York, where he grew to maturity and there married, coming to Delaware county (now Morrow county) within the year following his marriage, and entering claim to land in Westfield township, and residing there until his death. He was one of the prominent men of the county, and at one time owned 500 acres of land within its borders. He served for many years as Justice of the Peace, and as County Commissioner for several terms. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was conspicuously identified with the Masonic order at Cardington. He was for many years engaged in manufacturing fanning mills, and the output found a ready demand in all sections of the county, bringing to him a most extended personal acquaintanceship. He lived to attain a venerable age, passing away in his seventy-ninth year.

The mother of our subject was born in

the State of New York, her maiden name having been Belinda Schofield. She died at the age of forty-two years, and subsequently the father of our subject consummated a second marriage, being united to Nancy Wicks. Of the first marriage nine children were born, namely: Hannah, who is the wife of Myron Smith, of Indiana; Loren, who is now a resident of Wyandot county, Ohio; Lorinda, wife of J. S. Peck, of Cardington; Emeline, wife of David Sherwood, of Westfield township; Henry, subject of this sketch; Louisa, wife of Henry Benson, of Colorado; Lorenzo, a resident of Westfield township; Lester, who also resides in this township; and Loretta, wife of Paul Meredith, of Colorado. Two children were born of the second marriage: William, who is a resident of Logansport, Indiana; and Alice, wife of Lemuel Peck, of Cardington, this county.

Our subject was reared in this township, and received his rudimentary education in the log school-houses, which were the only scholastic institutions in the vicinity at that time. He remained at the paternal home until the time of his marriage, this important event in his career being celebrated October 9, 1859, when he joined hand and heart with Miss Caroline May, who was born in Westfield township, September 3, 1840, the daughter of Edwin May, who was a native of New York, and who was one of the early settlers in this township. His father, Asa May, was born in the Empire State, being of English lineage, his father having been born on British soil. The maiden name of Mrs. Bartlett's mother was Electa Aldrich, and she was born in Westfield township, her parents having come hither from the State of New York. Mrs. Bartlett was the third of nine children, and she was reared and educated in this township.

After his marriage our subject engaged in the potash business, continuing this line of enterprise for two years, after which he directed his attention to farming, locating on what is known as the Knapp farm, in this township, a property which he purchased. He remained on the place for ten years, after which he effected the purchase of the Meredith farm, where he still retains his residence, the place comprising 200 acres. Mr. Bartlett also owns a large interest in the old homestead. His present fine residence was erected in 1880, at a cost of $3,000, and is one of the most attractive rural homes in the county. The farm is under most careful and effective cultivation and is well improved in every quarter, the greater portion of this work having been accomplished by the present proprietor, who is recognized as one of the most alert and progressive farmers of the section. In politics Mr. Bartlett does not bind himself to the supporting of any party, preferring to maintain an independent position, and to be free to vote for men and measures.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of four children, namely: Clara, who is at home; Charles, who married Alberta Lewis and who has one son, Floyd; Cora, wife of Truman McHirk, is the mother of two children, Henry B. and Baby; May is the wild of William Schaff and has two children, Edna and Baby.

CLAYTON N. WILLITS, a farmer of Cardington township, was born on his father's farm in this township, May 6, 1845, a son of Joel and Cynthia Willits. July 25, 1864, he en-

listed in Company A, One Hundred and Seventh-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was first made Corporal and afterward promoted to Sergeant. The regiment was organized at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, and was sent to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, doing drill and guard duty. Mr. Willits took part in the skirmishes at Decatur and Athens, Alabama, returning to Murfreesboro, took part in the battle of the Cedars, went thence to Clifton, Tennessee, by boat to Cincinnati, by railroad to Columbus and on to Washington, next to North Carolina and took part in the battle of Wise's Fork, next went to Raleigh, joined General Sherman's army at Greensboro, took part in the battle of Johnston's surrender, went to Charlotte, North Carolina, and then returned home by way of Baltimore. Mr. Willits was mustered out of service at Charlotte, North Carolina, and was discharged at Columbus, July 8, 1865. His father having died while he was in the service, he immediately joined his mother in Le Grand, Iowa, but returned to Cardington the spring of 1866, and he now owns eighty-three acres of good land, eighteen acres of which is covered with timber. In addition to his general farming, he raises a fine grade of horses. In his political relations, he affiliates with the Republican party, and has frequently served as a delegate to conventions. He is now serving his third year as Township Trustee of Cardington township, and for the past twenty years has held the position of Director of district school. Mr. Willits has passed through the chairs in the I. O. O. F. lodge, and is also a member of James St. John Post of Cardington.

In December, 1866, our subject was united in marriage with Mary Vickers, who was born in England, November 14, 1847, a daughter of John and Mary A. (Chantry) Vickers, also natives of that country. They came to America July 3, 1852, locating in Cleveland, Ohio, where the father died in August, 1852. He was a blacksmith by occupation. The mother also died in that city in 1878. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Willits were Thomas and Mary Vickers, and the maternal grandparents were Robert and Elizabeth Chantry. Mrs. Willits came to Cardington township in 1857. She was one of six children, but only one brother, Thomas Vickers, still survives, and he resides in Cleveland. He was a soldier in the civil war. The parents were members of the Church of England. Our subject and wife have had five children, three now living: Bertha E., born May 22, 1873; Ralph, June 18, 1875, and Kathleen E., October 9, 1885. Of the deceased children, Bernard, born February 12, 1870, died October 1, 1876; and Milton, born April 1, 1871, died August 28, 1872.

JOHN R. REYNER, Peoria, Union county, Ohio, has been a resident of this place since 1878.

Mr. Reyner was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1829, son of David Reyner, also a native of that place. David Reyner was a wagonmaker by trade, at which he worked in early life. In 1837 he brought his family to Ohio and settled in Columbiana county, the following year removed to Union county, and in 1839 they took up their abode in Liberty township. Here the parents spent the residue of their lives and died, the father's death occurring in 1889, the mother's in 1879. Her maiden name was Eliza Mann, and she was a native of the same county in which her

husband was born. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had four children, namely: Mrs. Sarah A. Skidmore, John R., Theodore and Vianna.

John R. was a lad of nine years when he came with his parents to Ohio. He was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district school, and when a young man learned the trade of stonemason, at which he worked some in early life. His chief occupation, however, has been farming. After his marriage he lived for some years near Plain City, then Union, now Madison county, and in 1878 came from there to Peoria. Here he owns a nice house and lot in the village and has a farm of ninety-seven acres near by.

Like most of the worthy citizens of this country who have passed middle life, Mr. Reyner has a war record. He enlisted in the spring of 1865 in Company F, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment was stationed at Winchester, Baltimore and Fort Delaware, being on garrison duty. After seven months of service he was honorably discharged and returned home.

January 11, 1855, Mr. Reyner married Emeline Moore, daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (Arahood) Moore, both natives of Virginia. The Moores descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors and were related to General Jackson. Mr. Moore was a soldier in the war of 1812. He and his wife died in Coles county, Illinois, his death occurring at the age of fifty-four years, and hers at forty-nine. They had nine children, namely: William, Lucinda, Mary, Anna, Phœbe, John, Eli, Silas, and Emeline.

Mr. and Mrs. Reyner have three children, as follows: Emeline Arvilla, wife of W. J. Strader, of Liberty township, Union county, Ohio; Mary Anna, wife of J. Evans, Peoria, Ohio; and Stephen A. Douglas, at home. All have had good educational advantages and both Mrs. Strader and Mrs. Evans have been teachers. Mrs. Evans has three children,—John W., Maud Ethel, and Villa St. Clair.

Mr. and Mrs. Reyner are members of the Disciple Church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

JO. SMITH, proprietor of the Odevene Bath and Dye House, Delaware, Ohio, is a native of the Buckeye State. He was born in Portsmouth, Scioto county, in April, 1839, a son of John D. and Drusella W. (Wilcoxan) Smith, the former of English descent.

Mr. Smith was reared on a farm in Washington township, Scioto county, and was educated in the public schools and at the Ohio Weslyan University, attending the latter institution one year. About this time the civil war broke out, and in September, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was in numerous engagements and was wounded in four different battles, namely: Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and Resaca, at the last-named place being shot through the left breast. From the effects of this wound he has never fully recovered. After being confined in the hospital for some time, he was mustered out of the service with the rank of First Sergeant. That was in Georgia, in October, 1864.

Upon his return from the army, Mr. Smith remained on the farm in Scioto county for some time, after which he was for one year clerk in a general store. Then he opened a grocery at Buena Vista, Scioto

county, which he conducted three years. In 1868 he came to Delaware, where he became interested in a soap company and also in auctioneering, remaining here until 1872, when he returned to Portsmouth. There he engaged in farming for four or five years, on the old home farm. In 1882 he came back to Delaware, and since that date has been identified with the interests of this city. In 1885 he opened a dye house, which he has since profitably conducted, and the present year, 1894, he leased the Odevene Bath House, both of which he is now running.

Mr. Smith was married in Delaware, Ohio, to Miss Sarah B. Vining, daughter of E. Vining, and they have a family of six children, viz: Lillian B., Edith O., Ellen F., Mary E., Edward C. and George L.

In his political affiliations Mr. Smith was formerly a Democrat, but since 1884 has been a stanch Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. B. JACKSON, a well-known farmer and stock-dealer of Troy township, Delaware county, Ohio, is a native of Orange county, New York, the date of his birth being April 4, 1825.

Mr. Jackson's father, James Jackson, also a native of Orange county, New York, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a merchant from the time he was fifteen years of age. He came to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1840 and located in Troy township. Subsequently he removed to Wyandot county and settled near Sandusky, the land upon which he located being now a part of that city. He remained there until the time of his death, at the age of sixty years. He was a Deacon and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and his political views were those advocated by the Whig party. The mother of our subject was before her marriage Miss Eliza Board. She was born and reared in New Jersey, and died when J. B. was only three years old. Later the father married Miss Emily Bruce. He had two sons and two daughters by his first wife and four children by the second. J. B. is the only one of the first children now living.

Mr. Jackson was fifteen years of age when he came out to Delaware county, and the following year he was employed to teach school in Troy township. He made his home with his father until he reached his majority, and then, in partnership with his brother, engaged in farming. Farming has been his life occupation. He now owns 360 acres of land in Troy township, nearly all of which, at the time of his settlement here just after his marriage, was an unbroken forest. Its excellent improvements, residence, barn, etc., have all been placed here by him, and the general appearance of the premises is indicative of the energy and enterprise which have characterized his years of labor.

Mr. Jackson was married October 4, 1848, to Sarah M. Bush, who was born on the farm where they now live, May 8, 1827, her father having come to Delaware county as early as 1807. Her parents, David and Elizabeth (Wilson) Bush, were born in New York and New Hampshire respectively, and Mrs. Jackson was the fourth in their family of nine children, three sons and six daughters, all of whom reached maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have had seven children, namely: Elwyn Bush, Edgar Bruce, Lewis Bradford, Frank Board, Harry Seward, Hattie and Bertha. The last named died in infancy.

At an early day Mr. Jackson affiliated with the Whigs, and since the organization of the Republican party has given it his support. He has served most efficiently in various local offices, such as Trustee, Treasurer, Clerk and Assessor of the township. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN W. CULVER is one of the leading citizens of Delaware county, now living in Sunbury, where he is engaged in the livery business as a member of the firm of Perfect & Culver. Being so well and favorably known in this locality, his sketch will prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume. The record of his life is as follows: He was born in Trenton township, Delaware county, Ohio, in 1844 and is a son of Basel Culver. The latter was born on the 28th of March, 1811, and his parents were John and Catherine (Johnson) Culver. Farther back we have no account of the ancestry of the family. Basel Culver died May 19, 1891, and his wife, Elizabeth, who was born April 1, 1811, survived him only a few days, passing away June 6, 1891. They left four children,—Truman, Martha J., Mary and John W. Mr. Culver was an enterprising and thrifty man, and in his business dealings won success as the result of capable management and foresight. He became owner of a valuable farm, and carefully reared his children.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the place of his nativity, and in its public schools acquired a good education. He manifested special aptitude in his studies and fitted himself for teaching, which profession he followed with good success for some years. His work was always thorough and progressive and gave good satisfaction to those interested. Later he engaged in the lumber business both in Ohio and in the South. At this writing he is conducting a successful livery business in Sunbury and by his straightforward dealing and earnest desire to please his customers, he has secured a liberal patronage. He also owns two good farms in Trenton township, which yield to him a fair income.

In his social relations Mr. Culver is connected with Sparrow Lodge, No. 400, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, being one of its active and zealous members. He is a man of intelligence and broad and liberal views, who has read extensively and always keeps himself well informed on the questions of the day. A pleasant, genial gentleman, his social manner has made him very popular and gained him many warm friends.

ELZY S. CURL, eldest of six children of Henry W. and Elizabeth Curl, a farmer of Morrow county, was born in Richland township, Marion county, Ohio, August 22, 1851. He was reared to farm life in his native place, and after attending the district schools, completed his eduation at Cardington union school. After his marriage he remained on the farm two years, spent the following five years in Cardington, and nine years ago removed to his present farm of sixty acres. It was one of the earliest settled places in the locality, and is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Curl was married in 1876 to Eliza Rose, the youngest child of eleven children of James and Nancy Rose, born in Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio, September

8, 1856. Mrs. Curl completed her education in the union school at Cardington. Our subject and wife have one child, Lena R., born March 27, 1878, who is attending school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are workers in the Sunday-school. In his social relations Mr. Curl affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

REUBEN B. GARDNER, a farmer of Peru township, is a son of Robert Gardner, who was born in the District of Columbia in 1792. His father, John Gardner, was a native of Scotland, and came to America as a soldier in Cornwallis' army during the Revolutionary war, and served under that General until the surrender at Yorktown. He then settled near Washington, District of Columbia, where he followed the tailor's trade. In a very early day he came to Ohio, purchasing and locating on a farm where Zanesville is now situated, but in 1810 located on the farm now owned by our subject in Morrow county. At that time there was only one house in this locality. He was the father of two sons by his first marriage, three by the second, and seven children by the third.

Robert Gardner, father of our subject, was married in this county, in 1817, to Polly Benedict, born in Peru, New York, in 1798, a daughter of Reuben Benedict, who came to Morrow county, Ohio, in 1812. After his marriage, Mr. Gardner located on fifty acres of land just east of our subject's present residence, which he cleared and improved, and died there April 6, 1860. His wife departed this life June 1, 1873. They were the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters, seven of whom grew to years of maturity,—Nelson, deceased; Sarah, wife of Samuel Ullery, who resides near New Albany, Ohio, and they have five children; Annie, deceased, was the wife of Anson Place, and they had two children; Rebecca, deceased; Phœbe, widow of Daniel Osborn, and has one child; Hannah, wife of Morgan Doty, and Reuben B., the subject of this sketch. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the father was Trustee and Class Leader for many years. He was an active worker in the Whig party, afterward becoming identified with the Republican party, and served as Trustee of Peru township for many years.

Reuben B. Gardner was born on the farm where he now resides, June 18, 1820. He has been a life-long farmer, and now owns 320 acres of the best agricultural land in this locality, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was married in 1853 to Hannah Wilson, born in Bennington township, Morrow county, September 3, 1831, a daughter of Elias and Wealthy (Wells) Wilson, the former born in New York, July 8, 1791, and the latter born in Pennsylvania, March 20, 1806. They located in Ohio in a very early day, and were among the early and leading pioneers of Bennington township. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was first married to Charity Demuth, and they had five children, four now living,—Mary Ann Dubois, Julia Harvey, Maria Wells and Sally Tinkham. By his second marriage he had eleven childrren, seven now living, viz: Abigail Beard, Charity Duty, Thomas, Mrs. Gardner, James, Polly Rogers and Rosalind Westbrook. Mr. Wilson died November 5, 1885, and his wife survived until October 27, 1887. Our subject and wife have two

children,—Robert Nelson, born February 4, 1859, married Margaret Ella Gardner, and resides on the home farm; and Nevada, born October 4, 1869, is the wife of C. Flavius Brown, of Lincoln township, Morrow county. They have one child, Francis G. Mr. Gardner has one daughter deceased, Alice, and her child, Cora A., born May 8, 1875, has been reared by our subject.

Reuben Gardner and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the former has served as Steward and Trustee. In his social relations he has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. He affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Trustee of Peru township for many years, as Road Supervisor, and is the present School Director, having held that position for over thirty years.

RICHARD WOOD, a farmer of Peru township, Morrow county, is a son of Rev. Daniel Wood, born in Peru, New York, January 19, 1789. He was a son of Jonathan and Rachie (White) Wood, natives also of New York, the father born in December, 1760, and the mother, January 18, 1764. They were among the early pioneers of this county. Their children were: Phœbe Nichols, Esther Irish, Daniel, Amy Peasley, David, Susannah Kingman, Israel, Lydia Osborn, Jonathan, Rachel Hathaway, and Matilda Benker. Daniel Wood, father of our subject, was married April 30, 1812, to Phœbe Benedict, born in Peru, New York, March 1, 1791, a daughter of Reuben and Anna (Stevens) Benedict, natives respectively of New York and Pennsylvania. Reuben Benedict came to Ohio in 1812, locating on the farm now owned by John Osborn. His children were: Phœbe Wood, Polly Gardner, Aden, John, Ezra, Lucy Mosher, Annis Oliver, George, and Martin.

Rev. Daniel Wood and wife came to Ohio about 1816, and he taught the first school in this township. They located on land now owned by our subject, near Alum creek, Peru township, but afterward settled on a farm now owned and occupied by Rev. George J. Wood. In 1830 Daniel Wood laid out the village of Woodbury, having purchased the land at 75 cents per acre, and named the place. He was one of the pioneer ministers in this locality; working in the Friends' Church. His death occurred September 24, 1868, and his wife departed this life July 28, 1822. They were the parents of the following children: Annie, deceased, was the wife of Griffith Lewis, and they had five children; Levi married Caroline Whipple; Rachel, deceased, was the wife of James Vernon; Jemima, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Heely, and they had four children; Richard, the subject of this sketch; and William, deceased in infancy. For his second wife Daniel Wood married Elizabeth Benedict, a cousin of his former wife.

Richard Wood, the only survivor of his father's family by his first marriage, was born on the banks of Alum creek, Morrow county, October 2, 1820. He early learned the wagon-maker's trade, and followed that occupation continuously in Woodbury for fifty-four years, having made the first spring wagon and covered carriage in Peru township. He now owns 140 acres of fine farming land.

April 3, 1844, Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Elmina James, who was born April 19, 1824, a daughter of David and

Charlotte James, natives of Loudoun county, Virginia. Mrs. Wood died March 9, 1871. Our subject's second marriage occurred September 20, 1871, to Cynthia (Webber) Philbrook, born in Vermont, July 28, 1840, a daughter of Lyman J. and Mary A. (Goodnow) Webber. The father was born in Vermont, April 20, 1810, a son of Richard and Lydia Webber. Richard was a son of Hiram Webber, who was a son of Able and Susan Webber. Able was a son of John and Hannah Webber; John was a son of William and Mary Webber; William was a son of Arnot and Sarah Webber; Arnot was a son of Walfort and Graticia Webber. Lyman Webber, father of Mrs. Wood, and a carpenter by occupation, remained in Vermont until 1851, went thence to Massachusetts, and next located at East Liberty, Ohio. His death occurred February 26, 1889. Mrs. Wood was first married to David C. Philbrook, now deceased, and they have one child living, William C., of Cardington township, Morrow county. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have also one child, Lyman Daniel, born August 8, 1872. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the former having united with that church over fifty years ago. In political matters Mr. Wood affiliates with the Prohibition party, and has served as Township Trustee and in many other minor offices.

CYRUS H. ZIMMERMAN, one of the prominent farmers of Union county, postoffice address, Unionville Centre, Ohio, has resided here since 1881.

Mr. Zimmerman was born on his father's farm, adjoining Springfield, Ohio, October 12, 1850, and, as the name indicates, is of German descent. The ancestry is traced back to three brothers who came from Germany to this country at an early day. Some members of the family were participants in the war of 1812. From one of these brothers was Isaac Zimmerman descended. He was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and in 1846 came from that State to Ohio, settling on a farm near Springfield. A portion of his farm is now within the corporate limits of that city. Isaac Zimmerman was one of a family of seven sons and five daughters. He was married in Pennsylvania to Anna Ober, a native of Harrisburg, that State, and a daughter of a prominent and wealthy farmer. Following are the names of their children: Cyrus H., Barbara E., wife of John Crabill; Agnes, wife of W. J. Welsh; William; Ida F., a music teacher, and wife of Samuel Spencer, attorney at law, Emporia, Kansas; Effie J., wife of Dr. Custer, of Dayton, Ohio; and Carrie May, teacher of languages in a Springfield seminary. Both parents are deceased, the father dying at the age of forty-eight years, the mother at forty-nine. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but during the closing years of his life was identified with the United Brethren Church. Financially he was a success, having made his own way in the world, and at his death left to his family a property valued at $40,000.

Cyrus H. was reared and educated in his native town, completing his studies by a course at Wittenburg College. Being the oldest of the family, the care of the farm devolved upon him after his father's death, and he continued to operate it until 1880. That year he purchased his present farm and the following year moved to it. Here

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he owns 217 acres of choice land, where everything on the place is kept up in first-class order.

Mr. Zimmerman was married June 10, 1880, to Miss Lydia E. Lowe, an amiable and accomplished lady and a daughter of George S. and Edith (Powell) Lowe. Her father is deceased. This marriage has resulted in the birth of five children, whose names are as follows: Albert Isaac, Walter Austin, Joseph Foraker, Cyrus Edwin and Ralph Waldo.

Mr. Zimmerman is one of the active Republicans in the county and has done much efficient work for his party, frequently serving as delegate to county conventions. He has been a Justice of the Peace for nine years, has served on the School Board, and at this writing is on his third term as Township Trustee. At the last nomination election, in the summer of 1894, he was the choice of his party for the office of County Commissioner, and in November, 1894, was elected by a handsome majority, running ahead on his ticket, and without doubt will make a good official in that capacity. In fraternal circles he is prominent and active, and, indeed, he is whole-hearted in whatever he undertakes. He is a member of Urania Lodge, No. 46, F. & A. M., Plain City, and in the I. O. O. F. he belongs to both the lodge and encampment, having passed all the chairs and served as Noble Grand. Both he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

A H. GOODWIN.—The history of our nation found its cradle in the old Colonial States of New England, and back to this locality does the subject of this sketch trace his lineage, and that in his character abide those sterling traits which marked the individuality of the New England type is manifest when we come to consider the more salient points in his life history, which has been one marked by constant application, invincible spirit, sturdy loyalty and unwavering honor,—all of which have eventuated most naturally in securing to him a position in the respect and esteem of his fellowmen and the tenure of offices of public trust and responsibility. The last preferment which has come to him is that of County Recorder of Union county, and the duties of this office he assumed in January of the present year (1894).

Mr. Goodwin is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Jefferson county, February 28, 1844, the son of George and Mary J. (Wilson) Goodwin, the former of whom is now a resident of Canton, Ohio, the mother having died in 1863. The father of our subject was for many years engaged in the mercantile business and his son became associated with this line of enterprise at an early age, his education having been received in the common schools of his native county. He remained with his father, assisting in the store, until he had attained the age of seventeen years, when the full fire of his youthful patriotism was enkindled as the dark cloud of civil war began to obscure the national horizon. Thus it came about that, in August, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the place of his enlistment being Cadiz, Harrison county. He served valiantly and participated in a number of the most crucial conflicts which marked the history of the late war, among which may be noted the following: Carnifax Ferry, West Vir-

ginia, September 10, 1861; Bull Run, August 29, 30, 1862; South Mountain, Maryland, September 16, 17, 1862; the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, May, June and July, 1863; Mission Ridge, November 25, 1863; Dallas, Georgia, May 28, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, same State, June 27, 1864. At the last named engagement he was severely wounded in the left leg and was conveyed to the hospital at Big Shanty, Georgia, whence he was transferred to Altoona Pass, then to Rome, Georgia, and finally to Columbus, Ohio, where he was mustered out, in February, 1865.

Mr. Goodwin's injuries received at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain consisted of five separate and distinct wounds, touching both feet and both hips. The left foot was entirely shattered and was amputated the same day that the battle occurred. This amputation was made just above the ankle joint, and about eighteen months later, after he had reached his home, it became necessary for him to submit to a second operation, an incision being made and amputation performed somewhat above the point of the original operation. These severe wounds incapacitated our subject for any active business for a period of three years, but at the expiration of this time, in 1867, he fortified himself for the even sterner battle of life, undaunted by the physical infirmity which other warfare had brought upon him. He came to Union county and engaged as salesman for Mr. Webb, a grocer at Milford Centre. He remained in this position for somewhat more than four months and then entered the employ of James H. Neal, who was engaged in the insurance business at Milford Centre. This incumbency he held for fifteen months, when he received an appointment as guard at the Ohio State Penitentiary, his service in this capacity extending over a period of nearly four years, when he was advanced to the superintendency of the State shops in the prison and remained in charge for nine years. After this he returned to Milford Centre and then for three years acted as Deputy Sheriff of the county, under Sheriff Hopkins. Finally, he once more returned to Milford Centre and shortly after was elected Township Clerk and Justice of the Peace, and also Mayor of the village, which offices he held for six years, or until the time of his removal to Marysville, whither he came, in January 1894, to assume his official duties as County Recorder, an office to which he had been elected by a large majority, as the candidate of the Republican party.

Mr. Goodwin has long been one of the active politicians of this section of the State, has never swerved from his close allegiance to the Republican party and its principles, and has always served his constituents faithfully in any position of trust to which he has been called.

Fraternally our subject retains a membership in Silas Kimball Post, No. 570, G. A. R., at Milford Centre. His marriage was celebrated at Uhrichsville, Ohio, November 12, 1876, when he was united to Mrs. Elizabeth P. Gregg, daughter of Alfred Pumphrey, of that place. They have one child, Raymond, who is a student in the Marysville high school and who assists his father in his official duties during vacations. Mrs. Goodwin has one son by her former marriage, Walter P. Gregg, who is a student at Starling Medical College, in Columbus. He also gives his time during vacations to assisting in the clerical work in the Recorder's office.

PELEG CRANSTON, who holds the responsible preferment as Treasurer of Union county, Ohio, and who is held in the highest regard by the people of the community, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Champaign county, November 16, 1826, the son of John B. and Betsey (Lathrop) Cranston, the former of whom was a native of Rhode Island, and the latter of Connecticut. John B. Cranston came to Ohio with his parents in 1815, and they settled on the rich plains lying contiguous to Darby creek, in this section, with whose history from that early day has that of the family been identified. The Lathrop family emigrated from their Eastern home to this State a few years subsequent to the arrival here of the Cranstons. The paternal ancestry of our subject was of Scotch lineage, and the maternal, of English.

John B. Cranston was a farmer of the more intelligent, active and progressive type, and he naturally became somewhat of a leader in local affairs. He was an ardent Whig, and within his life-time held local offices of importance. He passed the greater portion of his life in Champaign county, near the Union county line. Religiously, he was an active member of the Christian Church. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, four of whom are living at the present time. We offer the following record of the family: Mary, wife of Joseph Johnston, of Iroquois county, Illinois; Peleg, the immediate subject of this review; John, deceased; Dollie, deceased wife of William H. Robinson, of Yates City, Illinois; Betsey, deceased wife of Rosalvo Smith, of this State, and Ann B., who still resides in Champaign county.

Our subject, Peleg Cranston, was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools, remaining at his home until he had attained his majority.

December 24, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Bland, and after this event he still continued his residence at the parental home for a few years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business in Woodstock, Champaign county, where he remained about two years, and then returned once more to the home farm, where he continued to reside until 1856, when he removed to Union county and located at what is now the village of Broadway, where he engaged in farming and simultaneously conducted a general mercantile business. He owned a farm of 192 acres, upon a part of which the present village of Broadway is located. He was prospered in his farming and other business operations, was in the lead in all matters of public order, and was called upon to accept various offices in the gift of the people. He was retained as Treasurer of Taylor township for a number of years, and also officiated as Justice of the Peace for many consecutive terms. That Mr. Cranston was a capable official and painstaking executive is manifest from the fact that he was finally chosen as the candidate of his party for the notable office which he now holds, that of County Treasurer of this county. He was elected to this office in the fall of 1891. The duties of his official incumbency demand his constant present at the county seat, and accordingly, in the fall of 1892, he took up his residence in the city of Marysville, where he still abides. In his political adherency he is strongly in line with the Republican party, in whose interests he has long been a most zealous worker.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranston became the pa-

rents of four children, concerning whom we offer the following data: French, died in childhood, as also did Webb and Inez; Walter F. resides in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is a clergyman in the Free-will Baptist Church. He was born July 25, 1856, and received his education at Merom, Indiana, and Oberlin, this State, being ordained to the ministry in 1889. In his early life he was for some time engaged as a telegraph operator, and prior to this had been for four years, connected with a mercantile enterprise at North Lewisburg, this State.

Our subject has never identified himself with any religious denomination, but has ever been in close touch with the broader spirit of Christianity, and has been a most active worker in the cause. He has given special attention to Sunday-school work for many years and has accomplished much good in a quiet, unostentatious way, having held the position of Sunday-school superintendenr for more than a quarter of a century. For the past twenty years he has been the president of the Union County Sabbath-school Association, and is still the honored incumbent in that office. He has done a noble work and may well revert to the same with pleasure and satisfaction. He has organized a large number of Sunday-schools in the county, which had about thirty-six schools when he began his efforts in this line, but which now shows a total of seventy-six.

S. M. WILCOX, a farmer of Porter township, Delaware county, was born near Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1829. His father, Samuel Wilcox, was born near Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, New York, in 1786, a son of Isaac Wilcox, a native of Vermont. The mother of our subject was formerly Clarissa Montoine, a native of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Isaac Montoine, of French descent. Samuel Wilcox and wife had twelve children. The sons were: Bowen, S. M., Charles, Calvin and James. Calvin was a soldier in the late war, and James served in the Florida Indian wars. Samuel Wilcox and wife died in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, the former in 1848, and the latter in 1844.

S. M. Wilcox, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm life in his native county, and subsequently spent five years, from the age of sixteen to twenty-one, just the age (as he says) to form good habits, in boating on the Susquehanna river. In 1851 he located in Richland county, Ohio, but since 1853 has resided in Porter township, Delaware county, where he own 168 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Wilcox has served with honor and credit as a Justice of the Peace for twenty-seven years. In his social relations, he is a member of the Masonic order, as follows, of Sparrow Lodge, No. 400, at Sunbury; Chapter Lodge, at Delaware; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites, of Columbus, eighteenth degree; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites, of Cincinnati, thirty-second degree, and Knights Templar, Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio.

In Kingston township, this county, at the age of twenty-four years, our subject was united in marriage with Sarah Starks. To that union were born five sons,—Allen, Porter, Oliver, Coreaell C. and Galvin. Coreaell C. received a good education at Antioch College, and has been a popular and successful teacher for a number of years. The wife and mother died in 1873. Mr.

Wilcox was again married, in Richland county, Ohio, to Cynthia, a daughter of James R. Gass.

SHERMAN F. WILLIAMS, one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Delaware county, was born in Harlem township, this county, September 5, 1850, a son of Jacob Williams. The latter was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, September 19, 1818, and for many years was a prominent citizen of this county. His father, Abraham Williams, was also born in New Jersey, and was a member of an old Puritan family, noted in war and religion. He married Sarah Ackerson. His death occurred at Sunbury, Ohio, and his wife died in Franklin county, this State. Jacob Williams, father of our subject, married Mary Fairchilds, who was born July 17, 1821, a daughter of B. M. Fairchilds, a soldier in the war of 1812. Jacob and Mary Williams had nine children, six now living, viz.: Rose Sweet, of Salina, Kansas; Sherman F., our subject; Gusta Clapen, of Baldwin City, Kansas; James Finley, of Lawrence, Kansas; Ben A., a resident of the same place; and Jacob T., of Sunbury, Ohio. The deceased children were: Catherine, Henry and John W. Henry was a soldier in the late war, a member of the Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his death occurred in 1885. Jacob Williams died September 15, 1890, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a life-long farmer, was identified with the Republican party, held the office of Trustee, and was an active and zealous worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as Class-leader, Trustee and Steward. Mrs. Williams departed this life March 2, 1889.

S. F. Williams, the subject of this memoir, was reared on the old home farm. He now owns 109½ acres of fine farming land in Harlem township. October 22, 1871, he was united in marriage with Mary E. Wickham, who was born, reared and educated in Delaware, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph W. and Phœbe (Thompson) Wickham, natives respectively of Saratoga county, New York, and Sussex county, New Jersey. They were the parents of eight children,—William W., Robert B., Mary E., Iola Z., Oscar, Eva A., Joseph and Capitola. During the late war William W. was a member of the Thirty-second Ohio Infantry. The father was also a soldier in that struggle, a member of Company I, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In his political relations he was identified with the Democratic party. His death occurred at Westerville, Ohio, at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have had six children, viz.: W. W. and Jacob E. are successful teachers; Walter Sherman, Eva Maud; John W.; and Mary E., deceased in infancy. Mr. Williams affiliates with the I. O. O. F., No. 404, of Galena. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

B. F. FRESHWATER, Judge of the Probate Court of Delaware, was born on the 24th of November, 1852, on the old "Hinton farm" in Delaware township, and grew to manhood on a farm in Berlin township. His early education, acquired in the common schools, was afterward supplemented by a more advanced course of study. At the age of nineteen he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, completed the classical course

of study in that school, and was graduated in 1877.

Mr. Freshwater then took up the study of law in the office of Carper & Van Deman, and in order to meet his expenses taught school at the same time. He was admitted to the bar on the 2d of June, 1880, and on the 1st of July began the practice of his chosen profession in connection with F. B. De Witt, in Paulding county, under the firm name of De Witt & Freshwater. On the 1st of January, 1881, the partnership was dissolved, and our subject continued alone in business at that place until October 14, 1884, when he returned to Delaware county, and on the 27th day of November, 1885, opened an office in Delaware.

Attracted by politics, Mr. Freshwater became connected with the work of the Republican party, the principles of which he warmly advocates, and was made Secretary of the Republican Central Committee, serving in that capacity two years. In 1893 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of Probate Judge, and, being elected, entered upon his duties February 9, 1894.

Mr. Freshwater is a member of Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lenape Lodge, No. 29, K. P., and of Delaware Lodge, B. P. O. E. He aided in the organization of Company K, Fourteenth Regiment of Ohio National Guards, and was elected Second Lieutenant, but resigned in 1880. He was married July 2, 1889, to Miss Nellie L. Babcock, and they have one child. Judge Freshwater is an able young attorney, whose skill and ability are rapidly winning him prominence in the ranks of the legal profession. In the discharge of his public duties he has ever been found true and faithful, and has the confidence and respect of the entire community.

SAMUEL DEMUTH, a farmer of Cardington township, is a son of John Demuth, a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He located on an unimproved farm in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1820. He was married in Pennsylvania to Magdalena Wimmer, a native also of Bucks county, and a daughter of Philip Wimmer, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Demuth had seven children, four sons and three daughters, and four are now living: Samuel, the subject of this sketch; John, a resident of Circleville, Ohio; Jacob, of Cardington; and Daniel, also of Circleville. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church, and both died in Pickaway county.

Samuel Demuth was born in that county April 20, 1820. He received his education in the district schools, also spending one term at Granville, and, after completing his education, taught thirteen terms. After his marriage he located at Adelphi, Ross county, Ohio, where he worked at the blacksmith's trade, and was also proprietor of a hotel. Seven years afterward he purchased a farm in Hocking county, this State, and in 1860 came to his present farm of 240 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Demuth has served as Trustee, Justice of the Peace three terms, and School Director of Cardington township, and is identified with the Republican party. He began life as a poor boy, and, although afflicted with asthma, has made all he now owns by hard labor and economy.

November 6, 1842, Mr. Demuth was united in marriage with Harriet Patterson, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, January 9, 1820, a daughter of John Patterson, an early pioneer of Ross county. To this union have been born eight children, viz.:

Robert B., a soldier in the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, died at St. Louis, Missouri, while in the service; John, a member of the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteers, also died in service, at Louisville, Kentucky; Smith, of Westfield township; Otto, Martin, and Samuel, at home; and two deceased in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Demuth have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifty-five years, in which the former was Class-leader for fourteen years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Cardington, has been a member of the Odd Fellows' order since 1848, and has passed all the chairs in the latter lodge.

Smith, eldest son of Samuel Demuth, was born at Adelphi, Ross county, Ohio, February 16, 1849. In 1860 he came with his father to Morrow county, and spent two years in a dry-goods store in Cardington, spent the following year in the West, and then taught school in this county one year. In October, 1873, he entered the United States Navy as a "Blue Jacket" for eighteen months on the Roanoke. Mr. Dermuth afterward served as schoolmaster on the United States flagship, Minnesota, in New York harbor, his duties having been to teach the boys the common branches and drill them in all departments of seamanship on board the ship. His time expiring July 20, 1876, he returned home, and taught school the following year in Westfield. After his marriage he was engaged in the sewing-machine business two years, and then, in partnership with Mr. White, began the raising of Percheron horses, in which he still continues.

Mr. Demuth was married, in 1877, to Miss Harriet White, a daughter of J. M. White, a prominent and early pioneer of Bennington township, Morrow county. He had two daughters,—Mrs. Lovenia Dickey and Mrs. Demuth. Mr. and Mrs. Demuth are the parents of three children,—Josephine, Roy, and Marie. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Demuth is identified with the Populist party, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

JOHN J. GABRIEL, who stands as one of the successful and influential farmers of Union township, Union county, Ohio, figures as a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of the county, and it is signally consistent that a review of his life and ancestral history be incorporated in this volume. He was born in a primitive log cabin on the farm where he now abides, the date of his birth having been April 20, 1823.

His father was John F. Gabriel, who was a prominent figure in the pioneer history of the county, where he settled within the first year of the present century. John F. Gabriel was one of three brothers who, in 1798, effected the purchase of 500 acres of land in this county, and it is a portion of this tract which constitutes the farm operated by our subject. The father was born in Washington county, Maryland, near the village of Hagerstown, and was a son of Abram Gabriel, who was likewise a native of that county, with whose history that of his ancestors had been identified for many generations, the agnatic line tracing back its origin to Germany.

In 1801 the three brothers, William, Richard and John F., came overland from their native State to Ohio, and, arriving here, the first named settled near the present vil-

of Milford Centre, the second locating on a tract just to the south, and John F., father of the immediate subject of this review, establishing himself on the farm which is now retained in the possession of his son, the place being at the time entirely unreclaimed. His wife, *nèe* Maria Stewart, was born October 15, 1800, in Pennsylvania, near what is called Friends' Cove, her father, Joseph Stewart, having removed to this county and settled upon Buck Run, about a mile and a half north of Milford Centre, in 1809. The Stewart family is of Irish extraction, and the original American ancestor came from the same section of the Emerald Isle as did the late millionaire merchant of New York city, A. T. Stewart.

John F. and Maria Gabriel were the parents of five children: John (first) is deceased; Josiah was killed by a falling tree when he was but twelve years of age; John J. is the subject of this review; Hiram went to Green county, Wisconsin, in 1844, being one of the first settlers in that section: in 1849 he, in company with his brother, Joseph S., became afflicted with the California "gold fever" and joined the innumerable caravan which was then wending its weary way toward the new Eldorado: he is now a resident of Green county, Wisconsin; Joseph S. is a prominent resident of Lake City, Calhoun county, Iowa. The father, John F. Gabriel, was born in 1778 and died November 15, 1828, at the age of fifty years. He was the twin brother of Richard Gabriel and they settled on adjoining farms and lived and died there. They were experts as musicians, the violin being their favorite instrument, and our subject has now in his possession his father's old violin which he bought in the city of Baltimore about one hundred years ago. The mother never remarried, but devoted her life to her children, whom she cared for with greatest solicitude, rearing them to fill honorable and useful positions in the world. She died April 26, 1872, having reached the age of seventy-one years. Both were zealous members of the Presbyterian Church. This church was situated about a mile below where he resided and was the first church in the county, being organized in 1809, with Samuel Woods as pastor.

Our subject, John J. Gabriel, was reared on the old homestead, lending effective assistance in the work of the farm and acquiring such mental discipline as was available in the district schools. He was an avidious reader and student as a boy, and night after night in the winter he sat before the cheery old fire-place, and in the light of its crackling flames conned his books and learned his first lessons as to the great outside world. Diligence and ambition conquer many an obstacle, and notwithstanding the meagre advantages, our subject was enabled to secure a good, practical education and eventually to become a teacher in the district schools, proving a capable and popular instructor. He taught in various schools in Union township and was for three years in charge of the school at Milford Centre, and for twenty-five or thirty years a member of the School Board. He finds it pleasant to recall the fact that there were several of his pupils who in time became men of prominence in public and private life

Mr. Gabriel has a fine farm of 150 acres and the same is thoroughly well improved. His residence is a commodious and substantial one and the place is well equipped with barns and other outbuildings so essential to the successful conducting of the farm. In connection with general farming he has

made a specialty, for the past forty years, of raising fine draft horses, of the Norman breed, that stock having been introduced here about that time, and he has raised some very fine specimens of that line.

At the age of thirty ye ars he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Parthemor, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who was reared in Union township, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah C. (Thorton) Parthemor, natives respectively of Virginia and Ohio. Her mother, Sarah C. Thorton, was born in Urbana, Ohio, in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel have four children, namely: Myron, who is a well known resident of Milford Centre, and who holds official preferment as Constable, and is a painter by trade; Elmer, who is engaged in the furniture business at Milford Centre; John, who is a carpenter and builder; and Helen, who has been a successful school teacher, but who is now at the parental home.

Mr. Gabriel has met with some very serious reverses in life. In 1846 he had a severe spell of sickness, from which he never entirely recovered. February 12, 1877, the house where he now resides was almost entirely destroyed by fire, together with nearly all the contents, not leaving them a change of clothing. The weather at the time being extremely cold, they cleared up as best they could and utilized the woodhouse until they could rebuild, which they did the following summer.

In politics, our subject supports the Republican party and its principles, and has been an active worker in the cause. He has held the office of Township Trustee, and has been urged by local constituents to allow the presentation of his name for some responsible office, a nomination in this township or county being equivalent to an election, but he has ever held that his private interests demanded his full time and attention and he has had no desire for political recognition. It has been his ambition to strive to live an honest life and to deal fairly and honestly with his fellowmen, having never sued a man or been sued in his life, so that he may leave a name that his children will not be ashamed of, believing that "a good name is better than great riches." As a man he is genial, frank and honorable, strong in his convictions, and never afraid to defend his position upon any point where principle is involved. That such a man enjoys a marked popularity in the community is a foregone conclusion.

E J. CONDIT.—One of the most noteworthy of the many fine farmsteads in Trenton township, Delaware county, Ohio, is the Homestead Percheron Stock Farm, of which the subject of this review is proprietor. Mr. Condit was the fourth in order of the five children born to Jotham and Mary (Mulford) Condit, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. The parents came to Delaware county, Ohio, in an early day, locating on the farm where our subject now resides, and there remained until they were summoned to the life eternal,—the father dying at the age of seventy-nine years and the mother at eighty-nine. The father was a man of sturdy integrity, marked intelligence, and much business ability, and success finally came as a reward for his perseverance and singleness of purpose. He became an extensive farmer, owning 1,200 acres of the most desirable land in Trenton township, the village of Condit having been named in his honor. In his political adherency he

was an ardent Democrat, and a quite active partisan in a local way. He bore arms in the war of 1812 and was a thorough patriot in thought, word and deed. Mr. and Mrs. Jotham Condit became the parents of five children, namely: John K., deceased; Mary J., now Mrs. Green; Winfield Smith, a resident of Delaware county, Ohio; Elias J., subject of this sketch; and Susan E., now Mrs. Perfect.

E. J. Condit was born in Trenton township November 27, 1837, and passed his boyhood days upon the parental farm, receiving his education in the schools of the township. In his maturer years he did not depart from the noble art of husbandry, with which he had been identified from his youth up. The wisdom of his continued allegiance has been shown in the success which has come to him,—the diametrical result of his consecutive application and thorough knowledge of the most expedient methods to be employed. He now owns 580 acres of magnificent farming land, which is in a state of highest cultivation, and which shows the most substantial and attractive improvements, among which may be particularly noted a commodious residence and five large barns.

Mr. Condit has attained no little prominence as a breeder of Percheron horses, and upon his place may be seen some of the best specimens of this celebrated and popular breed, including Contigny, a magnificent individual, whose registered number is 35,338, the horse having been bred and reared by Mr. Periott, of France. He also owns American Herdbook, whose weight is 2,000 pounds. It is conceded that the Percherons owned and raised by our subject hold rank with the very best in the State.

At the age of twenty-six years Mr. Condit took unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Jennie C., a daughter of Middleton and Huldah (Patrick) Perfect, prominent among the early settlers of Delaware county. To our subject and his wife five children have been born: Mulford S.; Lizzie C., wife of John Williamson, of Delaware county, Ohio; Ed. G.; Minnie, wife of Milford Merideth; and Milo J.

It is scarcely necessary to state that Mr. Condit is one of the influential farmers of this section, nor that he is held in the respect and esteem of the community where his entire life has been passed. He is actively identified with the Democratic party, and in his religious views and adherency supports the tenets maintained by the Christian Church.

J. M. MOODY, the efficient Treasurer of Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Marion county, this State, January 11, 1842. Joseph Moody, his father, was a native of Maryland, was reared in Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of Marion county, Ohio. He cleared away the forest and developed a farm in Tully township, Marion county, and lived there for a number of years. Subsequently he removed to Morrow county, where in died in the seventy-fifth year of his age. John B. Moody, the grandfather of J. M., is supposed to have been born in Massachusetts. He was of Scotch, Welch and Irish descent, was captain of a vessel, and during the war of 1812 was in the United States Navy. Joseph Moody married Miss Ezemiah Mickey, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert Mickey, who was of Scotch origin. She died in her forty-fifth year. They were the parents of

ten children, only two of whom reached maturity, namely: Mary A., wife of Ed. Beatty, of Pennsylvania, and J. M.

J. M. Moody was the second born in the family. He was reared in his native county, receiving his education in the district school and at Central College, and remaining at home until the outbreak of the civil war. October 22, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company H, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out December 10, 1864, at Nashville, Tennessee. Among the battles in which he participated were those of Stone River, Atlanta, Spring Hill, Franklin and many others. At the battle of Franklin he had his ear pierced by a ball, and after his return home his mother found in his ear a piece of lead which she extracted.

After the war Mr. Moody settled down to farming in Marion county. Subsequently he removed to Iberia, Morrow county, and engaged in the manufacture of drain tile, which he continued for some years. He still has the tile business carried on at that place. For four years he was traveling salesman for the Standard Oil Company. In 1892 he received the nomination for County Treasurer of Morrow county, was duly elected, and has rendered a high degree of satisfaction in this office. At this writing, 1894, he has the nomination for a second term in the same position. While a resident of Washington township, he served as Township Clerk.

Mr. Moody married Miss R. M. Colmery, who was born in Pennsylvania but who has been a resident of Morrow county from her early childhood, and they have a family of four, two sons and two daughters, namely: Jennie L., E. C., M. L. and Robert M. Jennie L. is the wife of J. F. McClaren, of Whetstone.

Like his father before him, Mr. Moody is a stanch Republican. He is a member of Wallace McNeal Post, No. 687, G. A. R., and he is also identified with the K. of P., U. V. L. and I. O. O. F. For many years he has been a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church. Thus in business, political, social and religious circles he is alike prominent and active, and he is as highly respected as he is well known.

H. C. KENNEDY, who is conspicuous as one of the successful farmers and honored war veterans of Union county, is a resident of his native county, since he was born in the vicinity of Milford Centre, July 9, 1840, son of Othias Kennedy, now deceased, a native of Pennsylvania, and of Irish extraction. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah Lee, and she was born in the Old Dominion State. She is still living, being well advanced in years, and resides at Collingwood, a suburb of the city of Cleveland. She became the mother of five children, of whom we make mention as follows: H. C., the immediate subject of this sketch; Harry B., who was a soldier in the late war, a member of Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who met his death in the service, having received a mortal wound, September 20, 1863, at Chickamauga; Hester; Anna, and Ella.

Henry C. Kennedy was reared to farm life on the parental homestead in this county, receiving his educational training in the public schools at Milford Centre. In his early manhood he devoted his attention to work as an engineer for some little time.

Young, ambitious and loyal, it was but natural that he should have been one of

those brave boys who stood ready to take up arms in the nation's behalf, and on the 1st of June, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served faithfully and with distinction for a term of four years. He participated in a number of the most notable battles of the Rebellion, among which were the following: Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Stone Mountain, Franklin, Nashville and the memorable siege of Atlanta. While with his company in front of Atlanta he received a severe wound in the foot, from a fragment of flint rock upon which he jumped barefooted with sufficient force to penetrate and pass through the foot, between the instep and toes. This wound continued to trouble him after he had returned home, and eventually it was found necessary to amputate the foot. Mr. Kennedy was discharged from the service at San Antonio, Texas, and was one of a party of seven who made the long homeward journey from that State on horseback. In 1879 he took up his residence on his present farm of fifty-five acres, in Union township, the place being under thorough cultivation and well improved, with a good dwelling and all essential outbuildings. The care and discriminating attention which our subject has given to the cultivation of his prolific little farm has resulted in his securing goodly returns therefrom, and he is not one of the class who consider farming a failure.

Mr. Kennedy's marriage was celebrated in October, 1867, when he espoused Miss Caroline Stewart, a native of Union township, and the daughter of James and Elizabeth Stewart, the former being a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. They had eight children, namely: Emily Johnson, who met her death as the result of an assassin's hand; Armeda; Americus; Caroline, wife of our subject; Margaret, Ellen, Louisa and E. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have had the following named children: William R., who is a member of Company D, Ohio National Guard, and who accompanied his company to the scene of the great strike in the Ohio coal mines in the present year (1894), taking part in a skirmish between the troops and the miners; Hattie A.; Edna; Norton Reed; James Oliver, who was drowned November 26, 1893, at the age of fourteen years; Orpheus, deceased, was the twin of James O.; Laura and Altina.

In politics our subject is a stanch Democrat, and religiously he and members of his family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Kennedy retains a membership in Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R., of Marysville, said post having been named in honor of the first comrade killed in the company of which our subject was a member.

LYMAN P. LEWIS, the Auditor of Delaware county, now living in the city of Delaware, is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Wyandot county, on the 7th of April, 1861. His parents, Loran P. and Mira S. (Dutton) Lewis, were also natives of the Buckeye State. The father made farming his principal profession and carried on agricultural pursuits in Marion and Wyandot counties until about 1870, when he moved to Upper Sandusky, Ohio. His death occurred on May 7, 1893. In their family were three children, two sons and a daughter,—Truman C., Etta I. and Lyman P.

The subject of this sketch received school privileges similar to those usually afforded farmers' sons but his training in other directions, especially at the plow, was not limited. He continued under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when he began learning telegraphy, and when he had mastered the business he accepted a position as railroad telegraph operator in Upper Sandusky. There he continued for two years, after which he removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he was employed in the line of his profession for a short period. In October, 1882, he moved to Delaware, Ohio. From that time until July, 1893, he occupied a position as agent for the Hocking Valley Railroad Company.

On the 29th of June, 1882, Mr. Lewis was joined in wedlock with Miss Dora M. Bell, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Ady) Bell. After a married life of about ten years she was called to the home beyond, dying on the 28th of May, 1892. She left two children, daughters, Maud and Myrtle.

It was in the same year that Mr. Lewis was elected to the position of County Auditor of Delaware county. He ran against a strong candidate of the opposing party, but won the election by the largest vote given any candidate in the county that year. His term of service extends through 1895. Although the youngest man who ever held a county office in Delaware county his ability and efficiency is recognized and much satisfaction has been expressed concerning his administration of affairs. He warmly advocates Republican principles, and champions the measures of the party with great strength.

In his social relations Mr. Lewis is an Odd Fellow and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the Order of Elks. He is a man of noble and generous impulses, of happy and hopeful disposition, and has the friendship and high regard alike of young and old, rich and poor.

DAVID G. COOMER, a farmer of Lincoln township, Morrow county, is a son of Jonathan Coomer, born in Massachusetts in 1787. He was a farmer by occupation, a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father, Benjamin Coomer, was born in North Providence, Rhode Island, March 8, 1748, a son of Benjamin Coomer, Sr., born in Massachusetts in 1710, and the ancestor of the Coomer family in America. The mother of our subject, formerly Amanda Guernsey, was born in Connecticut, September 18, 1791, a daughter of Southmayd Guernsey. Jonathan Coomer was married July 4, 1813, while serving as a soldier in the war of 1812. They settled on his father's farm in Gorham, Ontario county, New York, but about 1818 located on a wild tract in Niagara county. He improved two farms in that county, and resided there until 1834; from that time until 1855 was a resident of Marlborough township, Delaware county, and in the latter year located on the farm where our subject now resides. He died January 18, 1856, and his widow survived until September 3, 1876. Jonathan Coomer and wife were the parents of seven children, six now living, viz.: David, the subject of this sketch; Dr. H. N., of Ashley, Ohio; Albert B., of Payne, Paulding county, this State; Erasmus D., deceased; Jonathan M.; Sabra D. Warner, of Van Buren county,

Michigan; and Alma R., wife of Henry Welch, who resides near Van Wert, Ohio.

David G. Coomer was born in Gorham, New York, August 7, 1814, and received his education principally in the district schools of Niagara county, also attending the high school in Lockport one term. At the age of twenty years he began teaching, and followed that occupation forty terms. Mr. Coomer remained with his father during the latter's lifetime. After his marriage he located and remained on his father's farm in Marlborough township, Delaware county, until 1855, and since that time has resided where he now lives. He owns twenty-two and a half acres of land. Previous to the civil war, Mr. Coomer was Lieutenant of a State militia company in Delaware county. In political matters he is a stanch Republican, and served as Trustee of Lincoln township during the civil war. His father served as Justice of the Peace a number of terms in Marlborough township, Delaware county.

September 15, 1839, D. G. Coomer was united in marriage with Phœbe Clark, a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and a daughter of Elihu and Mary (Keene) Clark, natives of New York. They came to Ohio as early as 1805 or 1806, locating near Worthington, Delaware county. The father died in Oxford township, same county, March 24, 1845, and the mother died February 11, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had thirteen children, all but one of whom grew to years of maturity, and four are now living, viz.: Mahiel L., James P., Phœbe and Sarah. The last is the wife of Morris M. Coomer. David G. Coomer and wife have had seven children, five now living, as follows: James H. and Albert S., both deceased in the army; Chauncey D.; Mary Malvina, wife of Joel F. Caris; Henry C.; Henrietta Eliza, wife of Frank Hoffmire; Ida A., wife of Lonzo G. Caris. D. G. Coomer is a Universalist in faith, and his father, although for many years a Methodist, entertained the same doctrine for several years previous to his death.

SIDNEY FLEMING, one of the leading agriculturists of Brown township, Delaware county, Ohio, was born near Stantontown, in Peru township, Morrow county, Ohio, August 8, 1840, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wyan) Fleming, and at the age of five years moved with his parents to the farm where he now lives. The father died on the old homestead at the age of seventy-eight years, one month and eight days. He was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in his political views. The mother died at at the age of seventy-four years, nine months and twenty-five days.

Sidney, the youngest of seven children, was reared to farm labor and received his education in the district schools. August 13, 1862, at Lincoln's call for 300,000 volunteers, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infan'ry, under Colonel Reed and Captain Samuel Sharp. He was first under fire at Perryville, Kentucky; next took part in the siege of Atlanta, Ga.; participated in the battles of Resaca, Rome, Kenesaw Mountain, Jonesboro, Bentonville, North Carolina, and was in Sherman's march to the sea, and through the Carolinas to Richmond, and on to Washington, District of Columbia, where he took part in the grand review. Receiving his discharge, Mr. Fleming returned

to the old homestead. He now owns 139 acres of land, where he has all the necessary farm improvements.

At the age of twenty-eight years he was united in marriage with Lydia Mc Daniel, a daughter of Anderson McDaniel, of Morrow county, Ohio. She was a school teacher. They had three children: Harry W., aged twenty-two years; Frederick B., twenty-two years; and Mary Cynthia fourteen years. The wife and mother died August 30, 1887. She was a worthy member of the Adventist Christian Church. Mr. Fleming was again married, April 3, 1890, to Emma Clark, a native of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and a daughter of Loyd and Hannah Clark, also of that place. In his political relations Mr. Fleming is a Democrat, and socially is a member of Ashley Post, No. 281, G. A. R.

ADAM SHOEMAKER, deceased, was the first of the Shoemaker family to locate in central Ohio. He came West as early as 1820 and settled half a mile north of Ashley in what is now Morrow county, then Delaware county, on a tract of wild land 160 acres in extent. His oldest son, John Shoemaker, had come out here the year before to prepare the way for the rest of the family and had built a log house containing one room. Into this cabin Mr. Shoemaker moved with his wife and eleven children, nine sons and two daughters.

Adam Shoemaker was born December 25, 1778, either near Bedford, Pennsylvania, or in Loudoun county, Virginia. His wife, *née* Jane Baker, was a native of Pennsylvania. Six of their children were born in Pennsylvania, four in Zanesville, Ohio, and one in Delaware county, this State. Mr. Shoemaker was a man of sterling qualities. In his make-up were found the elements which constitute the true pioneer. In his political views he was first an old Jacksonian Democrat and afterward a Whig. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and by his life exemplified the teachings of his church He and his sons cleared the frontier farm on which they settled, and during his life the boys cleared up several other tracts of land. A brief record of the eleven children is as follows: John, who married Miss Jane Jenkins, a native of Virginia, was killed by a falling tree, in 1845, and left a family of six daughters and one son; Jacob, who married Elizabeth Walters, died about 1884, leaving a family of seven daughters and one son; Daniel, who married Harriet Smith, died at the age of thirty-six years, leaving two sons and two daughters; Jonathan and his wife, *née* Betsey Jenkins, had a family of six children, and the date of his death was 1883; Betsey, wife of Levi Barton, died, leaving a family of seven children; Joseph, who married Juliett Coomer and reared a family of seven children, is now eighty-four years of age and is a resident of Ashley, Ohio; George, who married Margaret Flemming and had a family of eight children, died in April, 1894, at the age of eighty-one years; Samuel, now seventy-nine years of age and a resident of Cardington, Ohio, has been twice married,—first to Miss Ann Jones, by whom he had five children, and second to Miss Eliza Lotterige, by whom he had two children; Solomon, a resident of Whitley county, Indiana, and now seventy-five years of age, is married to Mixinda Salmon and has four children; Sally, wife of Ellis Powers, has four or five children and resides in Iowa;

and William, who died in Iowa, was twice married and had several children, his first wife being Mary McGonigle and his second wife Eliza Witham. The boys in this large family all followed farming, except Samuel, who was a carpenter. Probably no other family has done more toward bringing about the present development of Delaware county than has the Shoemaker. They not only cleared away the forest and tilled the soil, but they were also ready when duty called in another directions. Six of them were valiant soldiers in the civil war, one being in Company C, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and the others in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Most of the descendants of Adam Shoemaker, now numbered by the hundreds, are residents of Delaware and Morrow counties, and are among the most worthy citizens of their communities.

Milton B. Shoemaker, the third child of Daniel and Harriet (Smith) Shoemaker, was born on a farm in Oxford township, Delaware county, Ohio, March 21, 1839. His early life was not unlike that of other farmer boys of his time, his education being received in the old log school house near his home. When he was seventeen he began to do for himself, and for one year he was engaged in butchering. Then he and his sister kept house together at the old homestead. In January, 1862, he married Matilda Morehouse, and two years later he removed to Ashley and engaged in the grocery and grain business, in company with T. M. Seeds. In 1866 they sold the grocery and in its stead opened up a stock of hardware. They continued the hardware and grain business until 1873, when Mr. Shoemaker sold out and turned his attention to milling. The firm of Shoemaker, Cole & Company erected a flouring mill at Ashley, and under that name the mill was run until 1880, when J. B. Miller bought the interest of Mr. Cole and the name was changed to J. B. Miller & Company. In 1884 Mr. Shoemaker sold out, but February 2, 1889, he again became connected with the mill, having bought a half interest in it. The firm name is now Linn, Shoemaker & Company. In 1880 the mill was changed from a burr to a roller mill, it being the second roller mill in Ohio. Mr. Shoemaker is now traveling in the interest of the company, selling flour. The firm also deals in coal and grain.

Ever since he located in Ashley Mr. Shoemaker has been an important factor in its upbuilding. Indeed, few have done more to advance its interests than has he. He has made three additions to the town, these additions covering a tract of twenty-five acres. In 1887 he laid out a fine park of thirty acres, which was known as Shoemaker's park until 1893, when he sold it to the Spiritualists for camp meeting and other gatherings. The first brick walk in the town was laid by him, and in 1865 he put up the first good dwelling in the town, this having a stone foundation under it. Since then he has erected three other good dwellings. He has all these years dealt considerably in real estate, both town and farm property. At this writing he is the owner of a fine farm of 106 acres adjoining the corporation. He was one of the organizers of the Ashley Creamery and is a stockholder in the same.

Mr. Shoemaker was married in Delaware county, as above stated, and has a family of six children, namely: Herrod, who is a member of the firm of Linn, Shoemaker & Company; Bian L., a farmer of this county;

James Guy, a blacksmith and a resident of Prospect, Ohio; and Ruth, Walter and Vaughn, at home.

SAMUEL GORSUCH, a farmer of Harlem township, and an ex-soldier of the late war, was born in this township, January 28, 1835, a son of Ben and Margaret (Hill) Gorsuch, native respectively of Pennsylvania and Knox county, Ohio, and of Dutch and Irish ancestry. The parents came to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1830, locating in the dense woods of Harlem township, where they soon cleared a farm, and remained there until death. Mr. and Mrs Gorsuch had twelve children, viz: David, Rebecca, Caroline, Samuel, Sarah, John, Lamech, Margaret, Kerne, Phillip, and two deceased in infancy. Three of the sons were soldiers in the late war. John was a member of the Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, re-enlisted after the expiration of his term of enlistment, and was wounded in the wrist. Phillip was a member of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga, at the age of nineteen years. Ben Gorsuch was a life-long farmer, and was identified with the Democratic party.

Samuel Gorsuch, our subject, enlisted for service in the late war, September 23, 1861, entering Company E, Eighteenth United States Infantry, and received his discharge September 3, 1864. He participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Resaca, Rockyface Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Nashville, and in all the battles of the Atlanta campaign. He was wounded in the right leg at the battles of Murfreesboro and Resaca. Mr. Gorsuch was discharged from the army as Corporal. Returning home, he resumed the carpenter's trade, which he had followed since his nineteenth year. He has erected many of the best houses and barns in this part of the county. Mr. Gorsuch now owns 303 acres of good and well-improved land in Harlem township, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

He was married at the age of twenty-nine years, to Emeline Bateson, a daughter of Jonathan and Eliza (McClellan) Bateson. To that union have been born six children, viz: Seth, at home; Mary E., Smith, Bateson, Milo and Tinsel, all popular and successful teachers. Mr. Gorsuch is an active worker in the Democratic party, has served as Justice of the Peace for many years, also as Trustee, as a member of the School Board, and has been a delegate to county conventions. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R.

A. H. DEAN, a respected farmer of Liberty township, Union county, Ohio, postoffice address West Mansfield, is a native of this county and has been identified with it all his life.

Mr. Dean was born June 18, 1845, son of George Dean and grandson of John Dean, both early settlers of Ohio. John Dean was a veteran of the Revolutionary war. He came to the Western Reserve at an early day and spent the residue of his life in Union county. His remains rest in the old Mill Creek burying ground. His son George was but a boy when they came West, and on the frontier farm he was reared. He married Mary Henderson, a native of Lewis county, Kentucky, and after his marriage went to housekeeping in a log cabin in the woods.

As the years passed by he cleared away the forest and developed a fine farm of 152 acres. He and his wife had six children, viz.: John, deceased; O. W., of Erie, Illinois; James, of Liberty township; Ellen, wife of M. Berner, Marion county, Ohio; D. A., West Mansfield; and A. H., whose name heads this article. The father died at the age of forty-nine years and the mother at the age of fifty-eight. Both were members of the Disciple Church and were held in high esteem by all who knew them.

A. H. Dean grew up on his father's farm, spending his summers in farm work and a portion of his winters in attending the district school. In 1863 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Robinson's old regiment, and was in the service for two years. He took part in the battles of the Atlanta campaign, and while in one engagement had his left thumb shot off. He spent four months in hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, after which he joined his regiment at Holly Springs, and in July, 1865, was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky.

After the war Mr. Dean spent three years in work at the carpenter's trade, and since then he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has seventy-six acres of good land, well improved with good buildings, fences, orchard, etc. He takes great pride in keeping a good grade of stock on his farm; is breeding some of the best Merino sheep in the county.

Mr. Dean was married in September, 1868, to Miss Malinda Shirk, daughter of Aaron and Rosanna (Teby) Shirk, both deceased. She died June 9, 1875, leaving two children, namely: May, wife of C. Holloway, of York township, this county; and Harry, at home. February 8, 1877, Mr. Dean wedded Miss Elizabeth Lane, daughter of Levi and Mary (Skidmore) Lane, both of whom died in York township. This second marriage resulted in the birth of four children, two of whom are living,—Blanche M. and Herman G., aged thirteen and nine years respectively. The mother of these children died June 16, 1894. She was a worthy member of the Disciple Church, to which Mr. Dean also belongs, he being a Deacon in the church.

CHRISTOPHER McCRACKEN, Infirmary Director at Chesterville, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1826, the second son of Joseph McCracken. When ten years of age Christopher came to Ohio, and attended the schools of Holmes county, completing his education at Chesterville at the age of nineteen years. He then learned and followed the blacksmith's trade in Franklin township, and afterward embarked in the grocery business at Chesterville two different times. He still occasionally works at his trade. In August, 1861, Mr. McCracken enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company A, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the three years' service. At the close of his three years' service he veteranized at Vicksburg. He was first appointed Sergeant, later Orderly Sergeant, and afterward promoted to First Lieutenant, serving in that capacity until the close of the struggle. He took part in all the battles in which his regiment participated, including Fort Donelson and both days at Shiloh. At Atlanta Mr. McCracken was wounded in the left ear by the explosion of a shell. He was mustered out

of service in July, 1865, having participated in the grand parade at Washington. Mr. McCracken is a charter member of John Bayne Post, G. A. R., of Chesterville, and forty-two years ago became a member of the I. O. O. F., having been one of the first initiated in that order. He has passed all the chairs in the latter lodge, and has also been a member of the encampment. In his political relations he affiliates with the Republican party, has served as Trustee of Chester township five years, been a member of the School Board, has frequently been a delegate to county conventions, and is now serving as Infirmary Director of Morrow county. He has also been a member of the City Council of Chesterville.

In 1848 Mr. McCracken was united in marriage with Elizabeth States, who was born in Tompkins county, New York, September 30, 1829, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hinckley) States, natives of New York. They came to Ohio in 1832, locating on a farm in Huron county, afterward spent seven years in Richland county, and in 1839 located at Center Corners, then called States Corners, having been named in honor of the States family. Mr. and Mrs. States had nine children, all now deceased but Mrs. McCracken, who was the youngest of the family. The parents were members of the Baptist Church, in which the father was one of the leading singers. He was an active worker in the Whig party. Christopher McCracken and wife are the parents of two children, W. Thurston, who married Lottie Trowbridge, resides in Cleveland. They have one son, Fred. T. Loa B., is the wife of James Thomas, of Chesterville. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is a Deacon.

JUDGE L. PIPER, Marysville, Ohio, has for a number of years been prominently identified with the public affairs of Union county, and is well known throughout this part of Ohio. A glance at his life and ancestry reveals the following facts:

Two brothers by the name of Piper emigrated to America from the Emerald Isle, their native land, in 1790, one locating in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and the other in Pennsylvania. The latter, whose name was Robert, was the grandfather of our subject. He was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Susannah Cochran, who was born September 16, 1781, and in 1813 they removed to Ohio and settled in Union township, Union county. Their children were: Eleanor, Margaret, William C., Mary, Rosannah and Jane. After his death his widow became the wife of John Porter, by whom she had two children,—Mary and Susan. Her death occurred August 14, 1824.

William C. Piper, the Judge's father, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was six years of age at the time his parents moved to Ohio. His boyhood days were spent in diligent work on the home farm, and when a young man he went to Milford to learn the trade of carpenter. In 1834 he married Miss Hannah F., daughter of Richard Gabriel, who was born on her father's farm in Union township, this county, in October 1811. In 1834 Mr. Piper purchased the farm on which his widow and children now reside, and where he spent the rest of his life and died, his death being recorded in May, 1876. He was a man of sterling qualities, and was honored and respected in the community where he lived. For thirty-three consecutive years he filled the office of Township

Trustee. The Whig party at one time solicited his candidacy for Sheriff, but he respectfully declined. He was a man of refined taste, a great reader, quiet and unostentatious in his habits, and a lover of home. Of his seven children, five are living.

Leonidas Piper, the eldest of the family, is the subject of this article. He was born on the homestead farm in Union township, Union county, Ohio, November 22, 1836, and in the select schools of the township received his early education. Then for two years he was a student in the Otterbein University, Franklin county, Ohio, and subsequently he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, where he graduated in June, 1864. The year following his graduation he began the study of law in the office of Colonel M. C. Lawrence, of Marysville, and in June, 1867, was admitted to the bar by the District Court of Delaware county. March 15, 1869, the law firm of Robinson & Piper was formed, which association continued until February 13, 1888. In October, 1869, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, and was re-elected to the same office in the fall of 1871. In 1887 he was elected Probate Judge, in 1890 was again elected to this office, and served from February, 1888, to February, 1894, since which time he has given his attention to the practice of law.

Judge Piper has always taken a deep interest in educational matters. For twenty-two years he has been a member of the School Board, most of which time he has served as Clerk, which position he is now filling. From January, 1867, to the close of the following year he was Superintendent of Schools, and he served as County Examiner from 1867 to 1874. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted as a musician in the brigade band, but after a short service was taken sick, and while he was in hospital the band was discharged. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the G. A. R. He was reared by Presbyterian parents and has been a member of this church for a number of years. Since 1873 he has been an Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Marysville.

Judge Piper was married April 29, 1869, to Miss Martha Coe, daughter of Daniel and Mary Coe. She was born October 13, 1845, and died June 15, 1882, leaving four children: Kate, William C., Ralph M., and Ruth. The last named child died July 23, 1887. June 24, 1886, Judge Piper married his present companion, whose maiden name was Rachel Conard and who was a resident of Hillsborough, Ohio. They had one child, Earle C., born August 7, 1890.

Much more might be said of the life of this active and useful man, but enough has been given to serve as an index to his character and show that his influence has ever been directed in the cause of truth and right.

HON. JOHN W. BARRY, Prosecuting Attorney, Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Cardington township, this county, December 17, 1852.

His father, Yalvesten P. Barry, was born near Utica, Licking county, Ohio, March 12, 1832, and, when six years of age, went with his parents to Westfield township, Morrow county, this State. His father, Captain Elisha Barry, was born in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, September 4, 1787; at the age of twenty-five married Rachel Lucas, who was born January 3,

1798; and about 1830 they emigrated to Ohio. She died at Shawtown, Morrow county, this State, June 10, 1835, and he passed away at the same place, June 7, 1874. He won the title of Captain in the war of 1812. For sixty years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for thirty years of that time was a Class Leader. Few of the early settlers of his county were better known or more highly respected than he. His son, Yalvesten P., received his education in the primitive log schoolhouse at Shawtown. He was married at the age of eighteen, in Cardington township, this county, to Hannah E. Benedict, and there settled on a farm, where he resided until 1859. That year they removed to Westfield township, and in 1880 returned to Cardington township, where they still reside. Mrs. Barry is a daughter of Eli and Elizabeth (Shaw) Benedict, early settlers of Cardington township, where she was born in 1832. Her people are of English descent, while the Barrys are of Irish origin. Y. P. Barry, being a son of a veteran of the war of 1812, and the grandson of a Revolutionary soldier, was not slow to show his patriotism when the civil war came on. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain J. H. Van Deman, and went to the front. He participated in numerous engagements, and in his last battle, that of Chancellorsville, he was struck in the arm by a piece of shell, and was permanently disabled, a few months later being discharged. His brother, Joshua S., a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and died while having his arm amputated.

Y. P. Barry and his wife have five children, three sons and two daughters, viz.: Eli E., a farmer of Martin county, Indiana; John W., whose name heads this article; Lorinda J., wife of Elliott Breniger, of Westfield township; Charles B., a farmer of Cardington township; and Rachel E., wife of James Gillett, of Paulding county, Ohio.

John W. Barry was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district school by attending three months each year. After his marriage, which occurred in 1873, he was engaged in farming for six years. Then he moved to Cardington and began the study of law in the office of Robert F. Bartlett, and after pursuing the study of law, as well as other branches of learning, for three years, he formed a partnership with Mr. Bartlett, with whom he was associated until 1891. In the meantime, in 1881, he was elected Justice of the Peace and served six years, and in 1884 he was Mayor of Cardington. In 1891 he was nominated by acclamation by the Republicans for the office of Prosecuting Attorney, and was elected. The following spring he moved to Mount Gilead, where he has since resided, and in 1894, he again received the nomination for the same office, receiving it by acclamation, as before, and was on November 6 successfully re-elected.

Mr. Barry was married October 2, 1873, to Miss Minnie Ocker, a native of Cardington township, this county, and a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Silver) Ocker.

Fraternally he is identified with the I. O. O. F. at Cardington and the K. of P. at Mount Gilead.

Mr. Barry has attained an enviable position at the bar. Three years ago he formed a law partnership with Judge Andrews, under the firm name of Andrews & Barry,

which still exists, and they are doing a leading business in their chosen profession. Mr. Barry has also been quite successful in a financial way and is possessed of considerable real estate. In all his professional, business and local relations Mr. Barry enjoys the respect and confidence of those who come in contact with him. His home life is pure and kindly, and across his threshold we find a typical American home.

PETER PERKINS, a farmer of Lincoln township, Morrow county, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 8, 1819. His father, Stephen Perkins, a native of Virginia, came with his parents to Belmont county when a boy of fifteen years. His father was also a native of Virginia, of English descent, and was among the early pioneers of Belmont county. His death occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, in his seventieth year. The mother of our subject, *née* Katie Ogan, was a native of Virginia, and came with her parents to Belmont county when about thirteen years of age. Her father, Peter Ogan, was also a native of that State and a stonemason by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Perkins were married in Belmont county, where they remained until death, the former dying at the age of ninety-one years, and the latter at the age of sixty years. He was a member and active worker in the Friends, Church. Stephen Perkins and wife were the parents of fourteen children, namely: David, born in 1812, is a resident of Iowa; Ann, of Belmont county; Euphany, deceased; Hannah, of Iowa; Peter, our subject; Jonathan, of Wayne county, Indiana; Mary Jane Humphreys, of Iowa; Martha, deceased; Stephen and Lewis, also of Iowa; Betsey Ann Russell, of Belmont county; John, of Iowa; Sarah C., of Belmont county; and one daughter died in infancy.

Peter Perkins, the fifth child and second son, was reared and educated in Belmont county. He assisted on the home farm until his marriage, and in 1847 came to what is now Morrow county, locating on his present farm in the woods. He has added to his original purchase until he now owns 106 acres of well-improved land. In political matters he is a Republican, and at one time served as Township Trustee.

In November, 1842, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage with Emily Russell, who was born and reared in Belmont county. Her death occurred in 1882. To this union were born ten children, as follows: Phœbe Ann, deceased when young; Isaac, died at Louisville, Kentucky, while a soldier in the civil war; Jephthah, also a soldier in the late war, is unmarried, and resides with his father; Stephen, a farmer of Iowa; Robert, of Belmont county, Ohio; William, of Iowa; Sarah C., wife of John Caris, of Fulton, this county; George, deceased when young; Elizabeth Ann, at home, and Martin L., who is married and resides on the home farm.

CYRUS W. CHIDESTER, physician and surgeon, Delaware, Ohio, has been a resident of this city since May 1, 1890. For one year he was associated in practice with Dr. E. H. Hyatt, and at the end of that time he opened an office at his present location, 53 North Sandusky street, and has since practiced alone, giving his attention to a general practice. His abilities were soon recognized here and he has already filled various important positions. He

is assistant surgeon at this point for the Big Four Railroad Company, is physician to the county jail, was elected Coroner of Delaware county in 1892, and is examining physician for several life insurance companies, among which are the Home Life Insurance Company, of New York, the Provident Life & Trust Company, of Philadelphia, and the Phœnix Life, of Hartford, Connecticut. He was medical examiner of Lenape Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city, for two years, of which order he has been a member three years, and he also filled the same position two years in Olentangy Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Ohio State Association of Railway Surgeons.

Dr. Chidester is a native of Kingwood, West Virginia, born November 4, 1861, son of Harrison and Louvina (Falkenstein) Chidester, who were of Welsh and German origin. The family removed to Hocking county, Ohio, in 1867 and located at Union Furnace. His parents still reside there, and there our subject lived until he entered upon his professional career. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and his early education was obtained in the district schools. In 1880 he was granted a license to teach in the public schools of the county, which vocation he took up and followed at intervals for five years. With the money he earned by teaching he defrayed his expenses through college. In 1883 he was a student at the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, and the following year he entered the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, where he completed a scientific course and graduated in July, 1887. That same year he entered the office of Dr. H. G. Campbell, of Logan, Ohio, for the purpose of reading medicine, and in the fall of 1887 he became a student in the Columbus Medical College. He graduated in medicine in the spring of 1890, ranking second in a class of thirty-two, and also taking second prize in a competitive examination. While he was attending college at the Ohio Normal University, that institution conferred upon him the degrees of B. S. and M. S. It was through the influence of Dr. Hyatt that he located in Delaware, and here his excellent qualifications and his special fitness for his chosen profession soon brought him to the front.

Dr. Chidester was married in Delaware, May 10, 1892, to Miss Clara M. Freshwater, daughter of William and Sarah J. Freshwater, of this city. Mrs. Chidester is an accomplished and charming lady. She is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and of the Central College of Eclectic Short-Hand, Chicago; was for two years professor of stenography and typewriting in Michael's Business College, this city, and for one year was private secretary of the superintendent of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio. They reside at No. 66 North Washington street. Both the Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a stanch Republican, and takes an active part in local affairs. As a writer he wields a facile pen. He has contributed much valuable matter to medical journals and other periodicals.

WILLIAM B. YOUNG, a veterinary dentist and stock dealer of Delaware county, whose home is on a good farm in Berlin township, was born in the city of Delaware on the 22d of August, 1861, and is a son of Will-

iam and Olive (Cruikshank) Young, both of whom were born in this State. The father was a member of the regular army for many years, and is now steward in the Soldiers' Home in Leavenworth, Kansas. The mother is now deceased, having been called to the home beyond in 1884.

Mr. Young, the subject of this memoir, received but ordinary school privileges, and when quite young began earning his own livelihood. He commenced dealing in horses, and has since followed that business during the greater part of the time, it proving to him a profitable venture. In the year 1884 he made his first purchase of land, becoming owner of a tract of seventy-five acres in Berlin township, upon which he still makes his home. His time and attention are now largely given to the practice of veterinary dentistry, which he carries on with good success.

On the 27th of October, 1881, Mr. Young was married, Miss Elnora Johnson becoming his wife. The lady is a daughter of Harvey and Margaret (Cronkleton) Johnson, who are now deceased. Her father was a farmer, and followed that occupation throughout his entire life. He passed away in 1884, and his wife, who survived him about six years, was called to the home beyond in 1890. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Young was blessed with a family of five children, four of whom are yet living: Lena Pearl, Hazel Ione, William Ethan, and Harvey Lewis. Georgiana died when but five weeks old. The parents are both members of the Baptist Church, and in this community, where they have so long resided, they are widely and favorably known. Their friends are many, and by all they are held in the highest regard, for they possess many excellencies of character.

J. CLINTON MAIN, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Troy township, Delaware county, Ohio, was born here July 8, 1835. His father, James Main, was a native of Virginia, who came to Delaware county, Ohio, with his parents when he was two years old and was reared in Troy township. His life was that of a farmer and stock-raiser. He married Anna Cole, and they settled in a log cabin he had built in the midst of the forest. He cleared and improved his farm, was a hard-working and highly respected man, and during his life wielded an influence for good in the pioneer settlement where he lived. He died at the age of sixty-eight years. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party and for a number of years he served as Township Trustee without salary, on account of the township being in debt. He has also served as School Director. He was identified with the old-school Baptist Church and for a number of years was a Deacon in the same. It may be said of him that there were few, if any, better men in the whole community than James Main. He was the father of nine children, seven of whom grew to adult years, and to each of them he gave fifty acres of land, all his property having been acquired by his own efforts and with the assistance of his good wife. Mr. Main was temperate in all his habits, never using stimulants or tobacco, and his liberal contributions to all worthy causes proved him to be a man of great generosity.

Colonel Timothy Main, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of the Old Dominion. It was about 1813 that he came with his family to Troy township, Ohio, and here the rest of his life was spent among frontier scenes. He was a great hunter,

and by his jolly and genial nature won hosts of friends wherever he went. He was a Colonel in the militia.

John Clinton Main was the second born in his father's family and is the oldest one now living. His early education was received in the old-fashioned log school-house near his home, but his schooling was completed in a frame building. He remained at home until he attained his majority.

September 28, 1856, he married Deemeann Moses, a native of this township and a daughter of James and Hannah (Main) Moses, the former born in Marion county, Ohio, and the latter in Virginia. She is the oldest of a family of six. Mr. and Mrs. Main have two children: Florence, deceased, and Cora, wife of James Vergon, of Delaware township, this county.

After his marriage Mr. Main went to Tama county, Iowa, but a short time afterward he came back to Delaware county, Ohio, and for three years continued farming in Troy township. His next move was to Jefferson county, Illinois. Disappointed in this location, he turned around without even unloading his wagon and came back again to Ohio, this time settling in Marion county, where he purchased a farm and lived for some time, which farm he subsequently sold at a profit of $700. After disposing of his Marion county farm, he bought a portion of the tract of land he now occupies, at first buying eighty acres and subsequently adding to it until he is now the owner of 300 acres. This is one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Main is extensively interested in stock, keeping an average of fifty head of cattle the year round. He has had his share of misfortunes and has had to pay numerous security debts, but notwithstanding this he has prospered and is to-day ranked with the substantial men of his community. For six years he served as a member of the Infirmary Board. Politically he is a Democrat.

CAPTAIN C. W. WILES, superintendent of the Delaware Water Company, Delaware, Ohio, has been a resident of this city since 1892, when he came here to assume the duties of his present position. He has been engaged in this line of work during the past seven years, is master of the business in its every detail, and is the right man in the right place.

Captain Wiles was born in Cortland county, New York, and was reared on a farm, receiving a high-school and academic education. He taught school one year. He was just merging into young manhood when the civil war came on, and September 20, 1862, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in Company L, Tenth New York Cavalry, and served with distinction until he was mustered out, his discharge being dated at Syracuse, New York, August 10, 1865. He entered the service as a bugler; was commissioned Lieutenant in the command of General Davies in January, 1865; and after his return from the army was brevetted Captain by the Governor for his meritorious service. He was in the army of the Potomac, and was in all the battles of that army from December, 1862, until the close of the war, and during all that time, although he was always at the front, he never received a wound nor was taken prisoner. He, however, had four horses killed under him and at one time was knocked from his horse by a shell. During the past twenty-five years he has served as secretary of the Associa-

tion of Tenth New York Cavalry Veterans, and in 1893 he was elected Colonel of the same.

At the close of the war he returned to his home in New York State, but on account of ill health he was unfitted for business for two years. At the end of that time he engaged in the mercantile business in his native town, and continued the same some six years. Then he sold out and about that time was appointed an officer in the Auburn State Prison, which position he filled three years. After that he moved to Syracuse, New York, and entered the largest dry-goods house in that city, where he had charge of the black dress-goods department. The close confinement of the store caused his health to break down, and he sought other occupation. Under President Arthur's administration he received an appointment in the railway mail service, and here once more his health failed him and he was compelled to resign his position. He then returned to Cortland, New York, and soon after engaged with the water company, which was making an extension to its lines in that town. He began by laying the pipe lines, and worked on up in the various departments of the business until he has attained his present position. He now has full control of the company's business at this point, and under his supervision its affairs have prospered.

Captain Wiles is connected with various fraternal organizations. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Marathon Lodge, No. 438, which he joined in 1866; Cortland Chapter, No. 194, R. A. M., and Cortland Commandery, No. 50, K. T.; the A. O. U. W., No. 351, Cortland, New York; and Grover Post, No. 98, G. A. R. He has been a member of the post since 1868 and has served as its Commander several terms. He is now Colonel of Encampment No. 107, U. V. L., of Delaware, Ohio.

February 17, 1869, Captain Wiles was married in Cortland, New York, to Miss Anna Bates, and they have two children,—Nellie and Arthur. The family are members of the Baptist Church.

JOHN FINCH, one of the representative business men of the county, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, June 7, 1821, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Kirkendall) Finch, natives respectively of New York and New Jersey. The great-grandfather of our subject was killed by Indians, and the grandfather was also taken captive by the redskins and held in custody for six years. Isaac Finch, a life-long farmer, came to Delaware county about the year 1814, with his two children, Jesse and Sally. He entered 150 acres of land, about the center of Kingston township, which he afterward sold, but purchased lands in the same township. He was the father of nine sons and three daughters, namely: Sally, deceased; Jesse, of Cherokee county, Iowa; Chanch, of Wichita, Kansas; John, our subject; Martin, deceased; Eunice Catherine, deceased; Harmon, of Delaware county; Isaac D., superintendent of the Studebaker Wagon Works at South Bend; Derwin, deceased; Sayre, deceased; Harriet, wife of George Bowers, of Sunbury, Delaware county; and Alfred, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Finch died at the age of seventy-four years.

John Finch, the subject of this sketch, worked at farm labor until seventeen years of age, and was then apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade at Berkshire, receiving

$30 per year, and followed the trade twelve years. He then purchased sixty acres of land, ten acres of which was cleared and contained a rude log cabin. Selling that land, he bought 100 acres in Kingston township, fifty acres in Berlin township; and forty acres in the southeast corner of Brown township, to which he afterward added eighty-five acres, owning at one time nearly 800 acres. In the spring of 1859 Mr. Finch located on his present farm, where he has been extensively engaged in the stock business for twenty-six years. In addition to his other interests he has also spent fifteen years in the mercantile business, and during the entire time served as Postmaster of Berkshire.

August 14, 1846, he was united in marriage with Lucy Ann Alford, a daughter of John and Catherine A. Alford. To that union were born three children: Henry, Luellen and Thacker Webb, who is a member of Sunbury Lodge, K. of P., No. 231. The daughter married Daniel S. Potter, of Berlin township, who is a charter member of Cheshire Lodge, No. 613, Knights of Pythias. The wife and mother departed this life in 1852. Mr. Finch afterward married Cinderella S., daughter of John P. and Diadamia Slack. They are the parents of four children: Diadamia Elizabeth, wife of George Buckingham, of Kingston township, also a charter member of Cheshire Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Eva Jane, wife of Joseph Irwin, of Berkshire township and a charter member of that lodge; Mary Emma married Wilmer Neilson, of Berlin township; and John E., a charter member of Cheshire Lodge. Mr. Finch is a member of the F. & A. M., Sparr Lodge, No. 400, at Sunbury, and in political matters is an ardent Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John P. Slack, father of Mrs. Finch, was born in Berkshire township, Delaware county, Ohio, in 1805. In his twenty-fourth year he was united in marriage to Diadamia Pierce, who died in 1864, at the age of seventy. To that union were born four children: Cinderella S., the eldest; Charles C., who lives in Kansas; Jane S., wife of Lewis Carpenter, of Oxford township, Delaware county, Ohio, and George A., a physician residing in Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE B. HAMILTON, one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of Union county, resides just north of the town of Richmond, on the place purchased and settled upon by his father in 1838. It now embraces 300 acres, a part of which is within the corporate limits of Richmond. Mr. Hamilton was born February 12, 1833, in Muskingum county, Ohio, a son of Rev. William Hamilton and his second wife, Lydia (Springer) Hamilton.

When five years of age our subject came with his parents to Claiborne township, Union county, settling on the place where he now resides. His education was acquired in the country schools, as far as what is known as "book-learning" is concerned, but the training which fitted him for the practical duties of every-day life was acquired in doing the work that fell to the lot of a farmer boy. He laid the foundation of his future success in doing this work well, and in taking advantage of every opportunity to improve his mind and enable him to take his place among the intelligent and progressive men of the day.

November 19, 1857, being then in his twenty-fifth year, Mr. Hamilton married Miss Marion Hamilton, daughter of Rev. William and Marion Hamilton. She was born near Glasgow, Scotland, May 9, 1835, her parents coming to America when she was three years of age and settling near the town of Gratiot, Muskingum county. There are a number of coincidences connected with the history of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. Though of the same name, their families were not united. Both, however, were of Scotch ancestry. Their fathers were each named William, and were both ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church, and each had a grandfather named William Hamilton. Two of Mr. Hamilton's brothers were named John and William, as were also two of Mrs. Hamilton's. Rev. William Hamilton, father of Mrs. Hamilton, after coming to Ohio, settled on a farm near Gratiot, on which he resided until his death, in the fall of 1865, at the age of sixty-five years. His widow is still living with her son, John B. Hamilton, in Columbus, aged eighty-five years. She was the mother of eight children. Two died in infancy. William D., the eldest son, is now a resident of Tennessee, where he is largely interested in the development of State mines. He is a veteran of the late war, having served first as Captain in the Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later as Colonel of the Ninth Ohio Cavalry, which he recruited. Near the close of the war he was brevetted Brigadier-General for meritorious conduct. He is married and has a family. John B., with whom his aged mother makes her home, is married and resides in Columbus. He is a large coal-mine operator in the Hocking Valley. Robert, the third son, entered the army as a private in the Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served under General Milroy, and was wounded at the battle of Cheat Mountain, West Virginia, September 12, 1861, from the effects of which he died in Zanesville in 1861. He was unmarried. Anna, the eldest daughter, married James Richey, a prosperous farmer near Tonica, Illinois. Isabel married Joseph Cratty. She died at her home in Prospect, Ohio, in February, 1882, leaving two children. Ella died in Shawnee, Ohio, at the age of twenty-two years. Marion, the wife of our subject, died October 18, 1882, after a happy married life of twenty-five years. She left three children,—Clara A., Marion G. and George H. Clara A. graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, in 1886. She married S. A. Haskins, a prominent lawyer of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and they have one child. Marion G. and George H. have both been given the benefit of collegiate educations, and the latter is now attending school at Adrian, Michigan.

After his marriage, the subject of this sketch settled on a farm adjoining the home place, a part of which he acquired by purchase and a part was given him by his father. It was the ambition of his early manhood to become a large landowner. With this prospect in view he purchased the home place in 1877. A failure of his health afterward, however, compelled him to forego the realization of his early ambition, and he found it necessary to limit his efforts to a smaller estate. He therefore sold all of the home place but 300 acres. The sale of the land giving him considerable ready money, he began loaning money to his friends and neighbors, from which he has derived a certain income each year. Besides his home place, which is one of the finest farms in

Central Ohio, Mr. Hamilton owns 200 acres of land in Claiborne and Taylor townships.

He has been a Republican ever since the organization of the party, having cast his first Presidential vote for General John C. Fremont. Preferring the life of a farmer to that of a politician, he has never been an office seeker, the only public office held by him being that of Justice of the Peace, which he filled from 1874 to 1877. In 1847, when fourteen years of age, Mr. Hamilton united with the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he is still an active and consistent member. His wife was also a member of the same church during her lifetime. In 1886 Mr. Hamilton erected the handsome residence which is now his home. It is of modern architecture, pleasantly located and tastefully furnished. Being a lover of books, he has gathered a large and well selected library. His household at present consists of his children, Marion G. and George H., and his niece, Mrs. E. Hamilton Miller, the daughter of Samuel Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton, having grown from childhood on the place where he now lives, can justly claim, after a residence of fifty-six years, to be one of the pioneers of Claiborne township. A useful, industrious and upright life has won for him the respect and esteem of his friends and neighbors. The intelligent direction and cultivation of his farm, and an adherence to careful and prudent business methods, have been rewarded by prosperity, and he is enabled to look back on an honorable and successful career, with the feeling that, all things considered, his life has been a useful and a well-ordered one, and that he merits the rest and repose that belong to the declining years of those who have by the discharge of each day's duties "learned to labor and to wait."

EDWARD W. PORTER, who has been prominenly identified with the political affairs of Union county, resides in Marysville. He was born on the 10th of March, 1855, in the city which is still his home, and his boyhood days were passed midst play and work and in attendance on the public schools. On attaining his majority he entered upon his business career, and the profession to which he devoted his energies was that of school teaching. While thus engaged he spent his leisure hours for three years reading law under the tuition of his father, who at that time was a Judge on the bench, and on the expiration of that period was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, by the Supreme Court, on the 1st of December, 1881.

Immediately after, Mr. Porter joined his father in business, under the firm name of Porter & Porter, and the connection has since continued uninterruptedly. With the experience and the mature judgment of the older man is combined the energy and enterprise of the younger, and the well-known law firm of Porter & Porter has gained a wide and most excellent reputation for skill and ability.

Almost simultaneously with his law practice Edward W. Porter also entered the political field and has since been prominent in the ranks of the Republican party. In 1886 he was nominated and elected a member of the City Council of Marysville,—one of the youngest persons ever chosen to that office in the county seat. The following year he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the county and creditably served in that capacity for a term of six years. During the time spent in that office he convicted a man by the name of Miller for murder in the first degree and succeeded in getting

him hung,—the first case of that kind on record in Union county. For the past ten years he has been a member of the Board of Health and still fills that office. He has frequently represented his party in convention and has served on the Executive Committee of Union county, and for three years on the Executive Committee of the Ohio Republican League. In 1883 he was sent as a delegate from the Eighth Congressional District of Ohio, to the national convention of the Republican League, which assembled in Louisville, Kentucky. He has repeatedly served as delegate in the State and district conventions, where his opinions are received with marked respect, for he is recognized as one of the leading politicians of this locality.

Mr. Porter has been twice married. On the 12th of November, 1884, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, he led to the marriage altar Miss Della E. Miller, who died in 1887, at the age of thirty-one years. Their only child, Dana M., a bright little lad, passed away at the age of four years. On the 23d of April, 1890, Mr. Porter was again married, his second union being with Miss Agnes H. Davis, of Washington, District of Columbia. They now have two sons,—John L., born November 19, 1891; and Robert E., born January 11, 1894. The parents are members of the Congregational Church, in which Mr. Porter has served as clerk since 1883. They reside on South Maple street, where they have a pleasant home and the household is noted for its hospitality.

Mr. Porter has served for two terms as president of the Union County Teachers' Association. Socially he is a member of B. W. Keyes Camp, No. 156, Sons of Veterans, and was elected alternate delegate-at-large to the national convention which assembled in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1889. He has served as a member of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Charles F. Griffin, having been appointed to the position January 1, 1890, with the rank of Colonel. He is a member of Marysville Lodge, No. 100, K. P., and in 1883 was made an honorary member of the Phi Gamma Delta of the Ohio Wesleyan University, with which he is still connected. Mr. Porter is a man of more than ordinary ability, with a clear, keen mind and quick perceptive powers. He has the happy faculty of adapting himself readily to a situation, and this characteristic, added to his mental qualifications, has made him a leader in legal and political circles.

J. G. KEHRWECKER.—Among the representative farmers of Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, the subject of this review is clearly entitled to be classified. He is a native of Wurtemburg, Germany, where he was born July 20, 1808, and where he remained until he had attained his majority. He was twenty-two years of age when he left the fatherland and set sail for the alluring shores of the New World. After a voyage of seventy-two days he landed in New York city and with his few personal effects tied in a handkerchief, and without money, proceeded thence to Pennsylvania, where he remained for a time, coming to that part of Delaware county that is now comprised in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1835. Arriving here he found occupation in working by the month on a farm, receiving the minimum wages of $6 per month.

In 1837 he took unto himself a wife, in

person of Miss Anna Mary Hack, who was also born in Wurtemburg,. Germany, and who came to America when sixteen years of age, her parents taking up their abode in Franklin county, Ohio. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Kehrwecker located on his present farm, which at that time was almost entirely unreclaimed. Here he built a primitive log house and therein established his home, while he gave his attention to clearing up the farm and bringing the same into cultivation.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of thirteen children, of whom we offer the following brief record: John was a soldier in the late war of the Rebellion, being a member of Company C, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and yielded up his life while in the service; J. G.; Jacob and Henry died while young; Frederick also died while in the service of his country during the late civil war, he being a member of Company I, Thirty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; George is a resident of Westfield township, this county; Christina is deceased; Mary A. is the wife of H. C. Hartsook, of Cardington, this county; Caroline is the wife of George Karn, of Kansas; Frederica is deceased; and Sarah, Anna and Ella still remain at the paternal home. The devoted wife and mother was called into eternal rest in 1886, having attained the age of sixty-nine years, She was a woman of noble attributes and a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

At the present time Mr. Kehrwecker has, as representing the results of his own well-directed efforts, a landed estate in this township of 380 acres, and though he is now an octogenarian he still maintains the supervision of the cultivation of his wide acres, the place being recognized as one of the finest farms in this section of the State.

In politics our subject lends his influence and support to the Republican party. Religiously he is identified in an intimate way with the Lutheran Church, of which he is a consistent and devoted member. Distinctively a self-made man, he has attained his success by honorable methods and has not been narrowed in his sympathies, nor has he ever disregarded the rights of others. He stands as one of the honored pioneer residents of the county, and in the community is held in the highest esteem as an upright citizen and an honest, true-hearted man.

J. D. WHITE.—One of the well-known and popular officials of Allen township, Union county, Ohio, is the subject of this review, who holds the preferment as Justice of the Peace. He has been a resident of the township for the past seventeen years, and his place of nativity was not far distant from his present home, as he was born in Brown township, Delaware county, near the little old hamlet of Eden, November 15, 1846, the son of Samuel White, a prominent and honored pioneer of Delaware county. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Rosanna Devore. Her death occurred in July, 1877, at which time she had attained the age of sixty-three years.

Samuel and Rosanna White became the parents of six children, of whom we are enabled to offer the following record: Mary E. is the wife of Henry Fegley, of Allen township; Catherine is the wife of John McWilliams, of Buchanan county, Iowa; Sylvanus W. is a veterinary surgeon in

Virginia: Leah R. is the wife of E. P. Black, of Champaign county, Ohio; J. Devore, subject of this review; and William W., who resides on the old homestead in Delaware county. A complete sketch touching the life of our subject's venerable father, who is now nearly ninety years of age, appears elsewhere in this volume, in the sketch of W. W. White.

J. Devore White was reared to farm life and work on the old homestead in Delaware county, completing his education in the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the city of Delaware, he having been a member of the same class as was ex-Governor J. B. Foraker. Leaving college in his junior year, he engaged in teaching, and has devoted his attention to pedagogic work for fully thirty years, having a natural penchant for the vocation, and having proved a successful and popular instructor,—one whose interest in educational matters has ever kept pace with the advances made.

In 1880 Mr. White took up his residence on his present fine farm of sixty-three acres, the place being situated five miles west of the county's official center, Marysville. The family residence is an attractive frame structure, and is most eligibly located, while the other permanent improvements about the place are of excellent order.

Mr. White was married, April 7, 1880, in this township, to Miss Josephine Hurd, daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Turner) Hurd, who now reside in Ellsworth county, Kansas. The issue of this marriage has been three children, namely: Charles E., born May 30, 1881; Luamy, born March 3, 1883; and Ivolee, born November 30, 1889.

The greatest loss and bereavement of our subject's life was that which he was called upon to bear November 8, 1892, when his beloved and devoted wife was summoned into eternal rest. She was a woman of beautiful character, and was beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. White votes with the Republican party, and has held public offices of trust and responsibility, having at one time served for several years as Township Clerk in Delaware county, and having been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in April, 1890. Fraternally he is identified with the Grange and with the Masonic order, being a member of Blazing Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of North Lewisburg, Ohio. He is a man honored alike for his ability and his earnest devotion to the clearly defined ethics of life.

W. WHITE, proprietor of the Oak Hill farm, in Brown township, Delaware county, was born where he now lives, September 5, 1849, a son of Samuel White. The latter was born in Washington connty, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1808, and came to this State in 1833. His father, Fisher White, was a native of Delaware, and the latter's father was born in England. Fisher White married Leah Walton, also a native of Delaware, and they had nine children, namely: George, Walton, James, Ben, Samuel, Fisher, John, Wesley, Mary, and William. Fisher White was accidentally killed at the age of eighty years. He was a Class Leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Samuel White came to Ohio in 1833, built a log cabin, and immediately began clearing the forests. In 1835 he married Rosanna De Vore, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Ely) De Vore. To that union were born six children: Mary, Catherine, Sylvanus, Leah,

Jacob and W. W. The mother died in July, 1878, at the age of sixty-two years. The father has been identified with the Democratic, Republican and Prohibition parties. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for sixty-four years, and is honored and respected by all who know him.

W. W. White, the subject of this sketch, was reared and received his education in this county. His farm, known as Oak Hill farm, consists of 120 acres of well-improved land. He is extensively engaged in the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of Jersey cattle. In his political relations Mr. White affiliates with the Democratic party. He has served his township as Treasurer for three years. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. White was married at the age of twenty-five years to Helen, a daughter of Shubael and Mary (Thompson) Knapp, natives of New England, but both now deceased. To that union were born two children,—Lulu A. and Effie L. The wife and mother died in 1887. In 1890 Mr. White was united in marriage with Emma Wheeler, a daughter of Alvin and Lydia Wheeler.

ALBERT E. WESTBROOK, physician and surgeon, and one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the town of Ashley, Ohio, was born in Woodbury, Delaware county (now Morrow), Ohio, December 17, 1840. Of his life and ancestry a record is as follows:

The Westbrooks are of German descent, the Doctor's grandfather having been born in Germany. Solomon and Mathena (Edmonds) Westbrook, the parents of our subject, were natives of Canandaigua, New York. Both are deceased. The latter was a descendant of old New England ancestors. Solomon Westbrook was a man of great versatility and strong individuality. He was reared on a farm, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, at which trade, however, he spent but little time. He then read medicine, and for a few years practiced at different points. In 1840 he took charge of the hotel at South Woodbury, where he remained some time, and did a successful business. The California gold fever that swept over the country in 1849 made a victim of him, and, in company with a party of twenty, he started for the Pacific coast. He drove an ox team from St. Joseph, Missouri, to San Francisco, the whole company enduring many hardships on the journey. After his arrival in San Francisco he worked at his trade, and built some of the first houses in the city. Then he turned his attention to mining, and for two years he worked in the mines, with varied success, returning to Ohio at the end of that time with his financial condition not improved. He was naturally of a roving disposition. During his early life he traveled afoot and on horseback from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Gulf to the Lakes. Upon his return from California, however, he decided to settle down, and accordingly bought a farm near Woodbury, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his days. He was born in 1798, and died in 1872. In his political views he was a Republican. For thirty years he served as a Justice of the Peace. He was twice married, his second marriage being in 1822 to Mrs. Mathena (Edmonds) Crawford. She was the mother of thirteen children, six by her first marriage and seven by

the last. Of the Crawford children there were one son and five daughters, the son, Andrew Crawford, being the only one now living. Three of her children by Mr. Westbrook are living, namely: William, a farmer of Marengo, Ohio; Jane, wife of Robert Gardner, residing one mile north of Woodbury, Ohio; and the subject of this sketch, who is the youngest. Those deceased are as follows: Lafayette, a wealthy farmer and stock dealer of Morrow county, died at the age of fifty-seven years; Mary Ann, deceased wife of Jacob Long; Ann, deceased wife of B. Hubble; and one son that died at the age of two years. The mother of this large family passed away in 1879, at nearly ninety years of age.

Dr. Albert E. Westbrook spent his boyhood days in his father's hotel and on the farm. He received an academic and college education, completing his literary course in the Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1859 he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. I. H. Pennock, at Woodbury, and subsequently attended the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, where he graduated February 22, 1863.

In June of the year he completed his medical course, he passed an examination for service in the late war, and July 24 was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Until 1865 he served on detached duty at Gallatin, Tennessee. He had charge of the pest hospital and was Pest Medical Director on the staff of Brigadier-General Pain. He also served in Nashville, Tennessee, and at Stevenson, Alabama, and for a time was Surgeon of the Sixty-eighth New York Infantry.

Immediately after the war he returned to Ashley, Ohio, where he has been since located, giving his attention to the practice of his profession, making a specialty of surgery and diseases of women. In 1885 he established a drug store in Ashley, which he still conducts, his son being in business with him.

During the whole of his career in Ashley Dr. Westbrook has ever been closely identified with its best interests. He has served on the School Board nine years and for several terms was a member of the City Council, no member being more active in promoting the interests of the people than he. He was the main factor in securing a graded school at Ashley in 1879. It was largely owing to his persistent efforts that the main street of the town was paved. In 1876 he built the two-story brick residence where he now lives, and in 1882, in company with Mr. Owens and the I. O. O. F. lodge, he erected the building at the corner of High and Harrison streets.

The Doctor is also a member of the American Medical Association, Ohio State Medical Society, and the Delaware County Medical Society. He belongs to the J. E. Coomer Post, G. A. R., and is also a Mason.

Dr. Westbrook was married in 1866 to Miss Amanda E. Cunard, daughter of the late Judge Cunard, one of the leading men of Morrow county and for many years an honored resident of Mount Gilead. They had three children, namely: Edward Cunard, who, as above stated, is in the drug business with his father, is married and settled in life, the maiden name of his wife being Brittania Cline; Blanch Alberta is the wife of John Olds, a dry-goods merchant of Ashley; and Grace. All three have had excellent educational advantages. The son is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and Miss Grace is at this writing a student

in that institution, she already being a graduate of Ada College. Mrs. Olds is a high-school graduate and has natural ability as an artist. The mother of this family died in 1886, and May 4, 1887, Dr. Westbrook married for his second wife Miss Rose M. Cunard, daughter of Captain L. M. Cunard, of Mount Gilead.

JOHN E. GORSUCH, a farmer of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born in this locality, September 30, 1854, a son of Thomas and Anna (Kreiger) Gorsuch, natives of Pennsylvania, but both now deceased. The father was a prominent farmer and stock-raiser. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch had six children: Sarah, William, Jacob, Noah, David and J. E. The father departed this life at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother died at the age of fifty-one years.

John E., our subject, located on his present farm of ninety-nine acres in 1882. The place is under a fine state of cultivation, and contains many valuable improvements. In addition to general farming, he is extensively engaged in stock-raising. Mr. Gorsuch votes with the Democratic party, and has served as Constable, Supervisor and as a member of the School Board. In his social relations he is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 645.

Mr. Gorsuch was married at the age of twenty-four years, to Dora Lewis, who was born, reared and educated in Harlem township, a daughter of Demas Lewis. His father, Steven Lewis, was an early pioneer of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have three children,—Laura Maud, aged fifteen years; Thomas N., twelve years; and Willie Ray, seven years.

SD. CULBERTSON, a representative agriculturist of Union township, Union county, Ohio, comes of stanch old Scotch-Irish stock, and of a family prominently identified with the history of Union for many years.

He was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 22, 1846, the son of Captain John C. and Jane (Moody) Culbertson. His father was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Hamilton. He was a man of conspicuous ability and held a position of marked prominence in the business circles of the Queen City, where he was for many years engaged in banking. He was an active participant in the war of 1812, saw much service on the battlefield and was promoted for gallantry, receiving commission as Captain. More specific reference to his career is made on another page, in connection with the sketch of our subject's brother, J. A. Culbertson.

Samuel D. Culbertson was reared in the city of Cincinnati, and received the best of educational advantages. When the cloud of civil war spread its dark shadow over the nation he showed the loyalty of his nature by enlisting as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until the expiration of his term of enlistment, after which he received an honorable discharge. Later on he engaged in the grocery trade in his native city, continuing in this line of enterprise for a number of years.

In 1882 Mr. Culbertson located in Union county and six years later took up his abode on his present fine farm of ninety acres, which is under a most effective system of cultivation and well improved with a good residence, barns, sheds, etc.

Our subject was married in 1869, in Cin-

cinnati, to Miss Rosa Reiniger, a lady of intelligence and refinement. She was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, and was there reared and educated. She was the daughter of the late Major Charles Reiniger, a gallant and honored veteran of the late war. He was Major in the Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served with distinction on the field of battle. He died at the venerable age of seventy-six years. He was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was born November 11, 1805. At the age of eighteen years he entered the German army, and within a short time was promoted to the office of Adjutant of his regiment. Major Reiniger married Barbara Suter, who was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, and who was a woman of marked culture. They became the parents of twelve children, concerning whom we are enabled to offer the following record: Ellen; Frederick C., who was a soldier in the late war and who at one time held office as Sheriff of Scioto county, this State; Frances; George J., who also bore arms in the Union army, and who is now a prominent citizen of Jackson, Ohio; Joseph H., a resident of Portsmouth, Ohio; Rosa, wife of our subject; Emma, wife of Frank Seth, of Parkville, Kansas, and Louis, who died at the age of twenty-nine years. The other children died in early childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson have two sons: Samuel D., who was born June 24, 1870, was united in marriage, October 10, 1891, to Miss Victoria Pullins, of Milford Centre, this county, and they have one daughter, Edith Jane, born December 10, 1893; Walter M., was born August 9, 1872, and is still at the parental home.

Our subject votes with the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Silas Kimball Post, No. 570, of Milford Centre, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Culbertson is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

W. STRATTON, manufacturer of lodge furniture, Ashley, Ohio, has been identified with the interests of Delaware county since 1880 and is one of its enterprising business men.

Mr. Stratton was born in New York city, October 1, 1841.

GEORGE DEETS, a farmer of Porter township, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, March 4, 1830. His father, George Deets, died when the former was three years of age, leaving a widow and seven children, viz.: Henry and Jake (twins), Joanna, Adam, Margaret, George and Abram. The children found homes in different families.

George Deets found a home with Samuel and Mary M. Dowel, where he was reared to farm life, and was taught industry and honesty, the foundation for his future success. He now owns two fine farms, consisting of 307 acres. The home farm, containing 220 acres, has a good two-story dwelling, 20 x 32 feet, and a barn, 40 x 60 feet. The farm of eighty-seven acres formerly belonged to Mrs. Deets' father and mother.

Mr. Deets was married at the age of twenty-eight years, to Martha J. DeWitt, a native of Bloomfield township, Morrow county, and a daughter of Amos and Rachel (Harris) DeWitt, both born and reared in Virginia, but became pioneer settlers of Morrow county, Ohio. The father died at the

age of seventy-five years, and the mother at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt had nine children: Simon, Hiram, Jackson, Martha, John, Abram, Mason, Maria and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Deets have two daughters. The eldest, Mary, is the wife of C. L. Bowers, of Centerburg, Ohio, and they have two children, George W. and Ethel. The second child, Clara Dell, is the wife of Clifford Forshey, of Michigan, and they have one child, a daughter, Harriet L. Mr. Deets affiliates with the Republican party.

AN. PAUL, a farmer of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born at Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1864, a son of Cary Paul, a banker and prominent business man of Delaware. Our subject was but a babe when his mother died. He received a good education in the schools of his native city, and afterward was employed in a bank in Delaware for a time. He next came to Harlem township, where he is on a farm and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In political views Mr. Paul affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as President of the Board of Education. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

November 25, 1885, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Anderson, who was born, reared and educated in Harlem township, a daughter of Dr. R. P. and Almira Anderson. The latter still resides in this township. The father, now deceased, was a prominent and well-known physician of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Paul have two children,—Freddy and Cary. Mr. Paul is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held the position of Secretary and Trustee, was the first vice-president of the Epworth League, and is a zealous worker in the Sunday-school.

O W. McADOW, who holds the conspicuous official preferment as Mayor of the progressive little city of Milford Centre, Union county, Ohio, and who stands as one of the representative men of the county, must assuredly be accorded specific mention in this connection.

He is a native of the same county in which he still retains a residence, his birthplace having been the paternal homestead, in the vicinity of the town of Broadway, the date of his nativity being May 30, 1857. His parents were Samuel and Adaline (Wolf) McAdow, the former of whom was born in Maryland but reared in this county, and the latter was a native of the Buckeye State. They became the parents of eight children, of whom five are living at the present time.

O. W. McAdow was reared in this, Union county, receiving his education in the district schools and the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware; for four years he was in the mercantile business at Irwin Station, this county, after which he continued in the same line of enterprise at Plain City. He also conducted a mercantile business at Milford Centre, selling out his interests in the same in January of the present year (1894), since which time he has not been actively concerned in any business aside from that implied in his official function as Mayor of Milford Centre and as Township Clerk, Notary Public, and Justice of the Peace, in all of which notable offices he is the incumbent at the present time. That

he is a man of distinctive business sagacity and executive ability is manifest in the wise and conservative administration which he has given as the head of the municipal government, and the recognition of his fitness for positions of trust is implied in his having been chosen to such important offices in the gift of the people. Under his management the village has made wonderful improvement, during the past year putting in a system of water works and electric light.

Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, retaining a membership in Palestine Lodge and Marysville Chapter, at Marysville; with the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

At the age of twenty-four years he was united in marriage to Miss Rena M. Shaffer, daughter of Henry and Sarah Shaffer, of Marysville, Ohio.

In politics our subject is a stanch and aggressive Republican, believing in the sound doctrine of the principle of American protections.

JONATHAN SHAW, JR., a farmer of Westfield township, is a son of Jonathan Shaw, Sr., who was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1787. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Brown) Shaw, of Quaker origin and Scotch descent. John Shaw traded for 400 acres of military land in what is now Westfield township, Morrow county, then Marlborough township, Delaware county, and started with his family for Ohio about 1804. On account of Indian troubles he could not locate on his land, and accordingly settled on a farm near Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio. While there Jonathan Shaw, Sr., father of our subject, was united in marriage with Ruth Welch, born in New York, August 12, 1786, a daughter of Aaron and Content (Luther) Welch, natives also of that State. Aaron Welch was an early pioneer in Delaware county, and kept a tavern where the city of Delaware now stands, near the old Sulphur Springs.

In the spring of 1808 Jonathan Shaw, Sr., was told by his father, John Shaw, that if "thee would move upon and settle on 100 of the 400 acres of his military land, thee shall have thy choice." Therefore, John Shaw and his sons, Jonathan, Benjamin T., Joseph and his son-in-law, and Isaac Welch, started to view the land. They erected the first log house in what is now Morrow county, located about ten rods northeast of our subject's present residence, and blazed their road between Delaware and this place. They made the first track on what was afterward known as the old military road. Returning home in the spring of the same year, Jonathan Shaw, Sr., moved his family to this place, locating in a new log house, and took possession of his 100 acres of land. In the fall of that year John Shaw and his family, consisting of his sons and son-in-law, located on the 100 acres south of Jonathan Shaw, Sr.'s place, on the creek which was afterward named Shaw creek. Isaac Welch afterward moved to Delaware county, locating south of the city of Delaware, near Ostrander. John Shaw departed this life in 1846, his wife having died in 1835. They were the parents of the following children: Susan Mitchner, Jane Sterns, Polly Welch, Sarah Camp, Jonathan, Benjamin T., Joseph, and John, Jr. The children are all now deceased. Jane was first

married to a Mr. Powers, who was shot and killed by Indians on his return from the war of 1812. During that struggle the family were often obliged to go to a fort near Norton for defense against the redskins.

Jonathan Shaw, Sr., cleared and improved his farm, remaining there for forty-four years, and his second residence was a hewed log house, located a little south of the present residence. In 1832 he manufactured the brick and built the substantial residence which still adorns the place. He was a Whig in his political views, and served as Justice of the Peace for twenty years, also held many other positions of trust. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Religiously Mr. Shaw was a Free-will Baptist, and his wife was reared in the Quaker faith. He died November 23, 1852, and his wife died January 21, 1853. His dying words to his children were: "You must be good children and take care of yourselves, for I can not do any more for you." Jonathan Shaw, Sr., and wife had the following children: Susannah, John L., Eliza, Content, Aaron, Melissa, Jonathan, Luther and Sylvester. Susannah married Sylvester Benedict, and they had four children: Jonathan, deceased; Ruth, deceased; W. G., of Pasadena, California; and Eliza Ann Cope, of Columbiana county, Ohio. Susannah died in Morrow county, Ohio. John L. was the first male white child born in what is now Morrow county, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Merritt, of the same county, and they had three children: S. B.; Elizabeth, who married Lewis Bryfogle; and Alva. For his second wife John L. married Mary P. Todd, and they had the following children: Joel T., of Marion county, Ohio; Merritt, of Canaan township, this county; Ella Detheridge, of Kansas City; John Le Grand, of Edison, Ohio; and Carrie Campbell. John L. died in Jefferson, Greene county, Pennsylvania. Eliza married Eli Benedict, and their children living are: Hannah Barry, Levi, C. W., and Melissa. Eliza died in Morrow county, Ohio. Content is the wife of Daniel Benedict, of Sioux City, Iowa. They have nine children: Clarinda, Hiram H., Parmelia, Susannah, Philander, De Witt, Jennie, Emma, and William N. Sylvester, Eli, and Daniel Benedict were brothers. Aaron, who died in Hopkins, Nodaway county, Missouri, married Betsey A. Jenkins, and they have four children,—Sarah Hobbick, Melissa Williamson, Henrietta Robbins, and Mary Ann. Melissa married Charles Dodge, and both are now deceased; she died in Elkhart county, Indiana. Their children are: Henry, an attorney; James, a prominent physician; and Peleg, an editor. Luther was first married to Betsey Ashwell, and after her death he married Ann Conklin, and both are also deceased. He died in Illinois. By the last marriage he had five children,—Sylvester, Aaron, Wilson, Nettie Miller, and Levi. Sylvester, who died in Marion county, Ohio, married Emily Curl, a sister of William H. Curl. They had two children, Mary Jane Beatty and Minerva Dixon.

Jonathan Shaw, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was born on the farm where he now resides, September 11, 1821. After his marriage he located in the woods, one and a half miles north of his present farm, in a small, one-story log house, with board doors, two six-light windows, and a stick chimney. He remained there five years, and then traded the place for sixty acres of land just west of it, giving a mouse-colored colt "to boot." In 1852 he returned to

the old homestead to care for his mother. Mr. Shaw has 205 acres of improved land, but rents the entire place, also owning three brick business blocks and residence property in Cardington. In 1846 he traveled through Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. In his political relations Mr. Shaw is identified with the Republican party. He has served as Justice of the Peace sixteen years, and has also held the positions of Trustee, Land Appraiser, School Director, etc.

November 7, 1839, at the age of eighteen years, our subject was united in marriage with Mary Ann Barry, who was born in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, September 7, 1822, a sister of Y. P. Barry. To this union have been born thirteen children, nine now living. The eldest, Susannah, is the wife of William H. Curl. Rachel Ann is the widow of Andrew J. Redd, and has four children,—Florence G., Ruth Rosella, Daisy Belle, and Jonathan S. Ruth R. is the wife of James H. Place, of Westfield township, and they have two children,—W. W. and Carrie May. Sarah J. is the wife of Oliver Sharp, a merchant of Ashley, Ohio, and their two children are Frank Wilmer and Lief Lloyd. Jonathan Walter married Eva Ensign, deceased, leaving one child, Eva. His second wife was Imogene Shunk, and their three children are: Imogene, Shunk, and Ruth. James S. married Alma Lewis, of Delaware, Ohio, resides in Ashley, Indiana, and has two children,— Otis S. and Carrie Inez. Melissa B. is the wife of Loren A. Curren, of Westfield township, and they also have two children,—Maggie M. and Van Doren. John Lincoln married Minerva Oliver, resides in Westfield township, and has two children,—Ella Maude and Carrie Inez. Dorothy Ella is the wife of W. C. Brenizer, of Westfield township. Their children are Laura Barbara and Miza Belle.

Mrs. Shaw began married life by spinning, knitting, making soap, drying fruit, picking wool, carding and spinning, while her husband was digging and toiling. She is now one of the very best cooks in Morrow county. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1889. Mr. Shaw was reared in the Quaker belief, and his wife is a member of the United Brethren Church.

ROBERT BLACKLEDGE, a farmer of Porter township, Delaware county, was born on the farm where he now lives, December 14, 1849, a son of Hiram Blackledge, a prominent and well-known early settler of this township. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1816, and died on the old home farm December 10, 1885. In 1838 he married Eleanor Mills, who was born in April, 1817, a daughter of William Mills. In 1840 the Blackledge family came to Delaware county, Ohio, and located where our subject now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge had eleven children,—William, Jane, Harriett, Robert, Hiram, Isaac, John, Thomas, Lincoln, Edwin and Phœbe (deceased). Isaac was a soldier in an Indiana regiment during the late war. Mrs. Blackledge died in 1874.

Robert, the subject of this sketch, left home for the West in 1871. He traveled for a time in Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska, and spent two years in hunting buffaloes on the plains of Kansas, Indian Territory, Texas, and New Mexico. With eight men he killed 1,200 buffaloes in one season. Mr. Blackledge now owns a good farm of 150 acres in Porter township, Delaware county,

all of which is under a fine state of cultivation and contains many valuable improvements.

In 1876, in this township, he was united in marriage with Eugenia A. Thomas, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1854, a daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Wilson) Thomas. The father, a native of Maryland, departed this life in 1861, and the mother died in 1865, leaving one child, Eugenia A. The latter was reared by her aunt, Mrs. Jane Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge have had nine children, namely: William, who died in 1877; Clifton, born July 14, 1878; Lizzie, born July 27, 1880; Missouri, October 29, 1882; John Sherman, September 10, 1885; King, January 1, 1887; Arthur A., October 17, 1889; Frank, November 20, 1891, and Eleanor Jane, born May 10, 1894. In his political relations Mr. Blackledge is identified with the Republican party. Mrs. Blackledge is a member of the Advent Church.

REV. WILLIAM NICHOLSON, attorney at law and a notary public, Ashley, Delaware county, Ohio, has been a resident of this village since 1890.

He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, August 4, 1836, a son of Charles and Narcisse (Crew) Nicholson, natives of Maryland and Virginia respectively, and of the Quaker faith. He remained in his native county until 1851, when he went to Belmont county, Ohio. His early life was spent on a farm and his education was received in the district schools and at the Friends' Boarding School, at Mount Pleasant. For a brief time he was engaged in teaching school in Guernsey and Belmont counties, and when he was about twenty-two years of age he began the study of law in the office of Judge Cowen. He also learned the carpenter and cabinet trade, and in this business was engaged quite extensively until the civil war broke out.

Mr. Nicholson was elected Lieutenant of the Home Guards, and, later received a commission as Recruiting Officer, being unable to pass muster himself. He took an active part in the work all during the war.

In the fall of 1864 Mr. Nicholson began studying for the ministry, and took a regular four years' course. For seven years he preached as an evangelist in the Methodist Episcopal Church, during which time he took in over 10,000 on probation. He then decided to return to the church of his fathers, and of his birth,—the Friends, or Quakers. So, in 1875, after a service of some fifteen years with the Methodists, he became connected with the ministry of the Friends' Church, and as regular minister preached at East Richland, Belmont county; Freeport, Harrison county; Milan and Berlin, Erie county, and afterward, for six years, in Sandusky city, coming from there to Ashley. While in evangelistic work he preached in twenty-six States. He has been in every county in Ohio except one.

Since he took up his abode in Ashley he has been one of its most active men. He has worked hard to advance the interests of his church and town and has the satisfaction of seeing his efforts attended with success. Previous to his coming to this place he gave but little attention to legal work. He now does a general practice and also carries on an insurance and real-estate business, his real-estate transactions extending over various portions of the United States. Mr. Nicholson has also had considerable experi-

ence in secret-service work. He is, indeed, a man of great versatility, and whatever he undertakes he carries to a successful issue.

Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Ashley Lodge, No. 421, and the F. & A. M. of Ashley. Politically he is a Republican. He has served as Mayor of Ashley.

Mr. Nicholson was married in Guernsey county, Ohio, October 1, 1856, to Miss Lydia T. Romans, daughter of Evan Romans, a Quaker preacher, and a sister of the the noted Dr. Romans. They have a family of eight, viz: Eliza J. C., wife of Isaac N. Hunt, of New Philadelphia; Phœbe A. G., wife of David T. Winrod, of Belmont county, Ohio, Tacy M. R., wife of John C. Mills, of Muncie, Indiana; Charles E. C., a resident of Sandusky City; George W. T., a resident of Lorain, Ohio; John T. F., Sandusky city; Jessie B. F., Ashley; and Mary A. K., at home. The family are all muscular and their aggregate weight is 2,072 pounds, while the aggregate height of the four sons is twenty-four feet, the oldest son being six feet and four inches without his boots and weighing 250 pounds.

J. R. SIMPSON, another one of the prosperous and well-known farmers and stock-dealers of Troy township, Delaware county, Ohio, was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, near Wheeling, September 5, 1832.

William Simpson, his father, was a native of Ohio, born in Belmont county, son of John Simpson, the latter's native place being Washington county, Pennsylvania. John Simpson was a millwright by trade. He came to Ohio at an early day and built the first mill on McMans creek, in Belmont county. The Simpsons are of Scotch-Irish descent. The mother of J. R. Simpson, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Burns, was a native of West Virginia and a daughter of Walter Burns, who was of Irish descent, Mr. Burns being a native of Ohio. Our subject's parents were married in West Virginia, and lived on a farm there a few years after their marriage. About 1838 they removed to a farm in Belmont county, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives and died, his death occurring in 1861, at the age of fifty-five years, and hers in 1887, at the age of sixty-four years. They were the parents of twelve children, four daughters and eight sons, eight of whom reached adult years and are still living, viz.: J. R.; John, of Nebraska; Denney, of Kansas; Walter, who resides on the old home place in Belmont county; Angeline Farmer, of Howell, Missouri; Elizabeth, wife of Middleton Bent, of St. Clairsville, Ohio; Henry, Mansfield, Ohio; and William, Belmont, Ohio.

J. R. Simpson, the oldest of this family, was about six years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, and in Belmont county he was reared and educated, growing up on his father's farm. After his marriage he spent eight years on a farm in that county, and from there removed to his present location in Delaware county. Here he owns a fine farm of 237 acres. For some time he gave his attention to the sheep business, but is now making a specialty of raising fine horses. In 1890 he erected a fine barn, at a cost of $1,400.

Mr. Simpson was married March 10, 1859, to Eliza Jane Glover, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, March 5, 1837, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza (McKison) Glover, she being the third of their nine

children. Mrs. Simpson died January 23, 1891. She was the mother of six children, namely: Mary; Amos, deceased; Denney, a farmer of Brown township, this county; Edward W., at home; James B., attending dental college at Chicago; and Louis B., who is studying medicine and resides at home.

Mr. Simpson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in his political affiliations is a Republican. He has served as Township Trustee. During the civil war he was a Union soldier, enlisting in 1861 in the 100 days' service and serving as a private.

Such is a brief sketch of the life of one of Delaware county's representative farmers.

WILLIAM KING, who is prominently connected with the political interests of Magnetic Springs and occupies a leading position in commercial circles, being engaged in general merchandising, has the honor of being a native of the Buckeye State. He was born on a farm near Mount Sterling, Madison county, September 1, 1855, and is a son of John R. and Mary Ellen (Timmons) King. The King family is of Irish and Scotch descent. The great-grandfather of our subject was born in Ireland, and in his younger years came to the United States, locating in Vermont, where he was married and made his home until his death. His son William, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in the Green Mountain State, and when twenty-two years of age removed to Ohio. He was one of the pioneers of the State, and cut cord-wood on the present site of the State capitol. After living in Franklin county for a time, he located near Chillicothe, Ross county, and about 1830 went to Madison county, settling on a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm and made his home until his death. He was the third settler in that section of the State. He started out in life a poor man, but by industry and well-directed efforts won a comfortable property. He served in the war of 1812, and in politics was first a Whig and then a Republican. Mr. King married Miss Mary Thomas, also a native of Vermont, and they became the parents of three children: Mrs. Margaret Stoddard; Ellen, who died in early life; and John R.

The last named was educated in the common schools, was reared on a farm, and has followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He is recognized as one of the leading members of the Republican party in this locality, and is a faithful member of the Christian Church. His father was instrumental in the erection of the Antioch church near Mount Sterling. Six children have been born to John R. and Mary Ellen King, namely: Mary C., wife of John W. Bricker, of Madison county; William; Milton A. and Winfield S., both deceased; Emma, who has also passed away, and Laura, wife of Lemuel Bricker, of Madison county.

In the usual manner of farmer lads, Mr. King, of this sketch, spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and his school privileges were those afforded in the neighborhood. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, at which time he was married, in London, Ohio, to Miss Letitia Watrous. Their union has been blessed with two sons,—John R. and Roy Milton.

Upon his marriage, Mr. King began farming in Madison county in his own interest

and successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until 1886, when, on account of the health of both himself and wife, he left the farm and came to Magnetic Springs, where he has since made his home. Opening a general merchandise store, he is now doing a prosperous business along that line. Both Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as Trustee, and he is also connected with Pharisburg Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., and Magnetic Springs Lodge, No. 380, K. P. Like his father, he is much interested in the success and growth of the Republican party, and from March, 1892, until April, 1894, served as Postmaster of this place. He has filled the offices of Supervisor, School Director, Mayor of the city, and has been a member of the City Council. He was Assessor in both Union and Madison counties and is now serving as Treasurer of the School Board and as Justice of the Peace. Since the age of fifteen he has labored in the interests of the Republican party, has frequently been delegate to the State conventions, and has been a member of the Central Committee since his residence here. In all the relations of life Mr. King is ever found honorable and upright, and his public and private career are alike above reproach. His fellow citizens have for him high regard and his friends are many.

JOSEPH LEWIS is a son of Morgan Lewis, who was born in Onondaga county, New York, July 15, 1806. His parents were Jonathan and Mabel (Hoyt) Lewis. Jonathan Lewis was born in New York, of English descent, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He removed from New York to Vermont in 1800, and in 1834 located in Morrow county, Ohio. His death occurred June 26, 1860, and his wife departed this life September 27, 1849.

When seventeen years of age Morgan Lewis built and operated a large sawmill, in New York, which he afterward lost by a flood. He came with his family and parents to Ohio, locating in an old log house just north of Westfield village, Delaware county. He built and for a number of years operated the mill on the Whetstone, north of Westfield, and afterward erected mills for Lester Bartlett and others. He subsequently sold his Westfield property and located in Cardington, where he died in 1889. It is said that Mr. Lewis built and operated more saw and grist mills than any other man in central Ohio.

He was married in New York State to Miss Cyrene Schofield, and they had eleven children, four of whom are now living, namely: Charlotte, wife of Ralph Perry, of Michigan; Jerome married Elizabeth Shoemaker, and lives in Delaware county; Harriet is the wife of George Mooney, of Delaware, and she has two children by her former husband, William Trindle; and Joseph, the subject of this sketch. Four of the sons served in the civil war. Orson was a member of Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died February 19, 1863, at Nashville, Tennessee, while still in service. Jonathan, a member of the same company and regiment, was killed December 16, 1864, in the battle of Nashville. Jerome was a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mrs. Lewis died in 1862, and the father afterward married Laura Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were members of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the former was Steward, Trustee and Class-leader, and for a number of years was Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was identified with the Republican party, and served as Treasurer and Justice of the Peace.

Joseph Lewis, our subject, was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, December 21, 1839. He learned and followed the miller's trade, owning a steam mill six miles north of Delaware. He has 118 acres of well-improved land, and is engaged in general farming. In August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was sent into Kentucky, and took part in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Rome (Georgia), Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta campaign, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Georgia, and Bentonville, North Carolina, and went with Sherman on his march to the sea; was present at the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston, and took part in the grand review at Washington, District of Columbia. Returning to Columbus, he was discharged in June, 1865, never having been absent from his post. Mr. Lewis had a close call from a bullet at the battle of Perryville, and at Atlanta campaign they made three charges, and he was knocked about twenty feet by the explosion of a shell in the last charge.

Our subject was united in marriage, in 1860, to Phœbe Hinton, a native of Delaware county, and a daughter of William Hinton. She died while her husband was at the front in North Carolina, in 1865, leaving two children,—Frank and Loretta. The latter is the widow of Ethan Williams, and has two daughters, Pearl and May. For his second wife Mr. Lewis married Augusta Boger, *nèe* Martin, a sister of Mrs. A. H. Shaw. After her death our subject married Lucinda Aldrich, a native of Delaware county, and a daughter of Smith Aldrich. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a charter member of James St. John Post, G. A. R., at Cardington. He has served as Trustee, Road Supervisor and School Director of Westfield township, has frequently been a delegate to county conventions, and is an active worker in the Republican party.

MATTHEW BEACOM, who owns and operates 350 acres of good land in Kingston township, Delaware county, is a native of Pennsylvania. The place of his birth is in Beaver county, and the date is March 26, 1829. His father, Matthew Beacom, was born on the Emerald Isle and when a child of seven years left that country for the New World. During his youth he learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Wheeling, West Virginia, and followed it for a time, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1834 he removed to Delaware county and purchased 100 acres of land in Porter township. The tract was wild and unimproved, being situated in the midst of the forest. There were no neighbors in sight and the entire county was yet a frontier settlement in which the work of progress and civilization seemed scarcely begun. With characteristic energy Mr. Beacom began clearing his land and in course of time developed a good farm.

After he had attained to mature years Matthew Beacom, Sr., was united in mar-

riage to Miss Elizabeth Henry, and they became the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Matthew, subject of this sketch; John, one of the prominent and influential farmers of Putnam county, Ohio; and Margaret, deceased wife of James Alexander. The mother died in 1867; the father died in 1870, and many friends mourned their loss.

Our subject received but meager school privileges. He was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier and aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, giving his father the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority. He then started out in life for himself. He did not change his occupation, but as soon as possible made a purchase of land, becoming owner of a tract of sixty acres in Porter township. To this he added until he had 130 acres, which he at length sold. He then removed to Kingston township, where he now has a fine farm of 350 acres under a high state of cultivation and well improved. In addition to this one he had 100 acres which he gave to his sons, and seventy-five acres to his daughter. His life has been a busy and useful one, and by earnest application and honest, straightforward dealing he has gained a comfortable competence.

In the year 1854 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Beacom and Miss Caroline Mendenhall, daughter of William and Felicity Mendenhall. By their union have been born eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Henry and Orville, both now deceased; Clinton, who resides upon a farm adjoining his father's land; William, at home; Ida, wife of Richard Wood; Cora, who is yet under the parental roof; Clark, who is attending college in Delaware; and Lillie, now deceased.

Mr. Beacom is a warm friend of the cause of education, and has given his children good advantages along that line, thereby fitting them for the practical and responsible duties of life. His son William is a graduate of Delaware College. Mr. Beacom is devoted to the interests of his family, and does all in his power to promote their happiness and welfare. In this he is ably assisted by his wife, who is a most estimable lady. Both are consistent Christian people, holding membership with the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Beacom is a Republican.

WILLIAM F. GAGE, a farmer of Bennington township, Morrow county, is a son of Phillip Gage, who was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, in 1791. His father, Phillip Gage, was a native of New York, and was a prominent physician. The family in America are descended from General Gage, a native of England, who commanded the British army in Boston. Phillip Gage, Jr., was married in New Jersey, June 6, 1813, to Deborah Flood, born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, in 1793, of Irish and German descent. After marriage, Phillip Gage and wife came to Ohio, locating on a farm adjoining the one our subject now owns, the same being then covered with timber. His death occurred here in 1886, and his wife died in 1884. They were the parents of the following children: William F., the subject of this sketch; Stephen, of Bennington township; Sarah Ann Goodwin, deceased; Elizabeth Hess, and George, a resident of Marengo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Gage were members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a Whig and afterward a Republican.

William F. Gage was born at Woodbridge, New Jersey, November 10, 1822, and was fourteen years of age when he came to Ohio, where he attended the primitive log school house. He assisted his father to clear 300 acres of land. The family were very poor, and the father was obliged to make shoes in order to obtain food, which often consisted of only potatoes and salt. After they had been here for some time the father secured some money, and, learning that an old Quaker residing about ten miles distant, near where the present village of Ashley, Delaware county, is situated, had some flour to sell, he determined to secure at least a small supply, as the family had had no bread for some time. Accordingly, in company with his son Clärkson, the old gentleman walked over to investigate as to the possibility of securing some flour. The old Quaker agreed to let them have the flour on the condition that Clarkson should work for him and thus pay the purchase price. So the boy stayed, and his father walked home, bearing the coveted sack of flour on his shoulder. On his arrival there was great rejoicing among the children, who were eager to once more have a slice of bread to eat. After the family began to raise wheat of their own they were compelled to take the same to Zanesville, forty or fifty miles distant, to have it ground. After his marriage, our subject located on the farm now known as the Robert Taylor estate, and thirty-one years ago came to his present place of 136 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. In his political relations Mr. Gage affiliates with the Republican party, and has held the position of Road Supervisor.

July 3, 1845, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Price, born in this township in 1830, a daughter of John Price and Barbara (Silkmitter) Price, natives of Pennsylvania. They located in Bennington township as early as 1820, on the farm now owned by Royal Moore. Mrs. Gage is the only living representative of the family. Our subject and wife have five children, namely: James P., who married Angeline Keys, resides in Kansas and has four children; Samuel P., who married Alice Sherman, has one child; P. W., who married Minnie Sleif, resides in Delaware county, Ohio, and has two children; Lida is the wife of Willie Hunt, of Bennington township, and they have two children; and Ellswort E. married Margaretta Hempey, and resides in Granville, Ohio. The eldest son, James P., was a soldier in the civil war, a member of the Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in the right arm at the battle of Peach Tree Creek. The children have all received good educations, three of them having been successful teachers, and Mr. Gage has served as School Director. Mrs. Gage is a member of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM WILLITS, a farmer of Cardington township, Morrow county, was born in this township, January 19, 1831. His grandfather, Samuel Willits, was a native of Wales, and his son, Joel Willits, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia in 1804. He removed from that State when a mere boy, and was raised on a farm in Knox county, Ohio. His wife, *née* Cynthia Lewis, was born in Pennsylvania in 1807, a daughter of John Lewis, an early settler of Knox county, Ohio, and of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. She was raised and mar-

ried in the latter county. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joel Willits moved to Cardington township, Marion, now Morrow, county. He located on timber land, which he cleared and improved, and afterward sold to William Curl, Sr. He next moved to Le Grand, Marshall county, Iowa, where he died November 8, 1864. Mrs. Willits died in Cardington township, January 2, 1887. They were the parents of nine children, namely: John, who resides in California; William, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, who is supposed to have died in California; Elvira, wife of Stephen A. Wood, of Cardington; Deborah, deceased, was the wife of Benjamin Sharpless; Wendal P., who was killed in the battle of Stone River or Murfreesboro; Esther Ann, deceased; Clayton, a resident of this township; and Sarah Ellen, wife of Grafton Benedict, of Delaware, Ohio. Three of the sons were soldiers in the civil war,—William, Clayton and Wendel P. The parents were members of the Society of Friends. In political matters Mr. Willits was an active worker in the Republican party.

April 20, 1861, William Willits enlisted as a private in Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was stationed at Camp Dennison for three months, after which the regiment was reorganized and our subject returned home. He now owns eighty acres of well-improved land, where he is engaged in general farming. For several years he also worked on the Big Four Railroad.

Mr. Willits was united in marriage, in the fall of 1861, to Lucinda Grandy, who was born in New York, July 12, 1834, a daughter of William and Celinda (Brockway) Grandy, early settlers of Cardington, Ohio, but both now deceased. Of the children of our subject and wife, we offer the following record: Estella, deceased, was the wife of W. P. Vaughan, of Cardington, and they had one child, James G.; William Arthur died at the age of seventeen years; Edward Martin is assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Cardington: and a fourth child, who died in infancy. Edward M. married Daisy Wolfe, and they have two children,—William Henry and an infant. Religiously Mr. Willits is a member of the Universalist Church at Cardington; socially is a member of the James St. John Post, G. A. R.; and politically affiliates with the Republican party.

JAMES W. GALLANT, another one of the highly respected farmers residing near Radnor, Delaware county, Ohio, was born south of Ashley, in what is now Morrow (then Delaware) county, Ohio, April 1, 1834, and has been identified with this part of the country all his life. A brief sketch of him and his ancestry is as follows:

He is a son of Elisha and Eleanor (Moore) Gallant, and a grandson of James Gallant. James Gallant's father was a native of Ireland and was one of the pioneers of Kentucky, where James was born, in 1780, and where he grew up and was united in marriage to Mary Clay, a Kentucky lady and a cousin of the distinguished Henry Clay. They came to Ohio about 1805, and here, on the farm now owned by Charles S. Gallant, a son of the subject of this sketch, Elisha Gallant was born in 1809. Elisha Gallant was a farmer all his life and was well known as a man of high moral worth.

Both he and his wife were members of

the Baptist Church. He died at the age of sixty-two, and she was seventy-four at the time of her death, Their family was composed of three children, namely; James W.; Amelia, wife of Evan J. Roberts, of Radnor; and Mary, wife of Hon. Samuel Lewis. William Moore, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a veteran of the war of 1812, and was a pioneer of Delaware county, Ohio.

James W. Gallant grew up on his father's farm. a tract of 295 acres, and, like his father, has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He was married May 19, 1855, to Elizabeth Williams, who was born August 20, 1836, daughter of William B. Williams, further mention of whom is given below. Mr. and Mrs. Gallant have eight children, as follows: William E.; Charles S., a prosperous farmer of Radnor; Margaret E.. wife of J W. Jones; Mary, wife of Charles Davis; James; Harry; Hannah, and Fred.

William B. Williams, father of Mrs. Gallant, was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, May 25, 1806, and died in Ohio June 21, 1886. When he was three years old his father died and his mother was subsequently married to Elias Jones. In 1818 the family emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At Germantown William B. was apprenticed to a hotel keeper, but soon left that place and came West to Ohio, making the journey to Radnor, a distance of 500 miles, on foot, the rest of the family having preceded him to this place. At the age of twenty-one he purchased a farm and proceeded to make for himself a home in Troy township, Delaware county. A few years later he purchased other tracts, and as the years rolled by he became a prosperous and wealthy farmer. He married Margaret Davis in 1834, she, too, being a native of Wales. They had a family of eight children, of whom Mrs. Gallant was one. The mother died March 25, 1887, aged seventy-nine years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams were members of the Baptist Church, and both were highly esteemed for their many excellent qualities of mind and heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallant are also members of the Baptist Church. Politically he is a Republican.

M. W. CARIS is one of the well-known farmers and venerable citizens of Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio. His parents, Frederick and Rachel (Hoke) Caris, both natives of Pennsylvania, were married in in that State, and before the war of 1812 they came West and settled on a tract of wild land in Portage county, Ohio. There, in the midst of the forest and surrounded on all sides by the Indians, they improved a farm, spent the rest of their lives and there died. Frederick Caris was a Lieutenant in the war of 1812, and rendered valiant service in that conflict. In their religious views he and his wife were Universalists. They were the parents of fourteen children, nine of whom reached maturity. Four of that number are now living, viz.: Mary Price, of New Albany, Indiana, aged eight-six years; M. W., the subject of this sketch, aged eighty-three years; Hiram, of Fulton, Ohio, aged seventy, and Rachel Miller, of Coldwater, Michigan, aged sixty-eight.

M. W. Caris was born on his father's frontier farm in Portage county, Ohio, April 25, 1812, and remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, his educational advantages being limited to the dis-

trict schools. When he was twenty-three he went to Crawford county, this State, and rented a farm which he cultivated five years. Then, in 1845, he came to Delaware county, (now Morrow), and settled on the farm he has since occupied. This part of the country was then almost an unbroken wilderness, —thick woods and no roads. Here he built a cabin and settled down to the work of clearing and improving his land. He also cleared other land in order to secure the money with which to pay for his own farm, as at the time he came here he had only $1.18. The first corn he raised was planted in holes which he grubbed out between the roots of the beech trees, and when the stalks began to grow he encouraged their progress by clearing away the weeds with the grub-hoe. By this means he raised enough corn to fatten two hogs for winter meat.

He passed through many hardships in his early life, but by honest and earnest toil and by the cheerful assistance of his good wife he secured a competency and now in his old age is surrounded with all the comforts of life. He has given some of his land to his sons and still has seventy acres. left. Of his ten children all are living except one, Albert G., who died in the army. The others are Joel F., John, Squire, Lonzo, Myron C., Isaiah J., Edson B., Harland and Mary A. Mary A. is the wife of Elias Ogg and lives in Knox county, Ohio. Each has had a high-school education. Mrs. Caris is a member of the Christian Church, and all her children belong to the church and live Christian lives.

In his political views Mr. Caris has all his life been in harmony with the Democratic party. His first presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. While he has never been an office-seeker, he has served as Trustee of Lincoln township and for fifteen years was School Director, being one of Morrow county's worthy citizens.

ROBERT BELL LEVERING, who is recognized as one of the representative and most progressive business men of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, is engaged in an enterprise which has an important bearing on the commercial prosperity of the community,—that of dealing in grain,—and in this line his transactions and operations are of extensive scope. Mr. Levering is a native of Ohio, having been born at Woodview, Richland county, (since 1848, Morrow county), September 21, 1846, the son of Morgan Levering, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1808, and who came to Knox county, Ohio, when eight years of age. This was in 1816, when his father, William Levering, who was a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, came to Knox county and took up his abode on a tract of Government land to which he had filed claim in 1810. On this farm he passed the remainder of his life; dying at the advanced age of nearly eighty-five years. He was the son of Henry Levering, a native of the old Keystone State, and of German and French Huguenot extraction. Henry Levering's great-grandfather, Rosier Levering, being a member of the Reformed Church of France, fled to Germany to escape religious persecution. There he married Elizabeth Van De Wall, who was born in Wesel, province of Westphalia, Germany. They then moved to Gamen, in the same province, and there they lived, reared their family and died. In 1685 Henry's grand-

father, Gerhard, came with his older brother, Wigard Levering and family, to Germantown, Pennsylvania, where they lived and where both were naturalized in 1691. Soon after they moved to Roxborough, Pennsylvania, now a part of Philadelphia, and bought farms. About the year 1700 Gerhard was married. He resided at Roxborough until 1730 and there reared his family. He then moved to Whitpain township, now Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where he died and was buried. Henry's father's name was Daniel, and Henry was his second child. Thus briefly is it shown that Robert Bell Levering, the subject of this sketch, is of the seventh generation from Rosier Levering and has a complete lineage back to 1648, when Wigard Levering was born.

The mother of our subject was Mary (Bell) Levering, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1813. Her father, Robert Bell, was a native of New Jersey, and his father, who was also named Robert, was born in Scotland or England in 1755. Robert Bell, Sr., had two brothers. One moved to South Carolina about 1790, and the other to the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, about the same time. The latter was the father of Hon. John Bell, of Tennessee, a statesman and, in 1860, a candidate for the Presidency, on the Constitutional Union ticket, being associated with Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, the candidate for the Vice-Presidency. In 1780 Robert, Sr. was married to Mary Yost, in Sussex county, New Jersey, where they lived until 1796. He then moved his family to Belmont county, Ohio, and in 1816 to Richland county, Ohio. Here he laid out, in 1820, the town of Bellville, which was named in his honor, and here he built a block house, which was a place of refuge for the settlers during the dangerous hours in the Indian uprisings. He was a man of high intelligence and great courage and became one of the leading citizens of Richland county.

The father of our subject was reared in Knox county, his paternal homestead having been located, in 1848, in that section which subsequently became a part of Morrow county. She who became his wife was reared within three miles of Bellville. After their marriage, in 1836, they located at Woodview, in Richland county, where he had the year previous become engaged in in the mercantile business as an equal partner of John Rule, which connection continued for sixteen years, when by mutual consent it was dissolved, Mr. Levering continuing the business in the same building until his death, which occurred January 25, 1860, at the age of fifty-two years. The mother's demise occurred April 13, 1884, in Mount Gilead, and at the time she had attained the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of five children, two of whom died in infancy; Allen is a resident of Mount Gilead; Byron resides at Woodview, this county; and Robert B., subject of this review, is the youngest of the family.

Robert B. Levering was reared in his native town, receiving his rudimentary educational discipline in the district schools and supplementing this instruction by a course of study in the public schools of Bellville, after which he taught school for three terms.

In 1867 he entered into partnership with Dr. Amos Rule for the carrying on of a mercantile business at Woodview in the same store-room that was formerly occupied by his father, and as Mr. Rule was a son of his father's old partner, they used

the same old signs and style of firm name, —Levering & Rule. This association was maintained for six years, after which our subject disposed of his interests in the enterprise and assumed charge of his mother's farm, where he remained until 1879, when he came to Mount Gilead, and here engaged once more in mercantile business, remaining thus concerned for six years, after which he sold out, and, in company with Mr. Upton J. Cover, began operations in that business in which he is still engaged. The firm now conducts a very extensive business, as may be discerned when it is stated that between July 25 and August 24 of the present year (1894) they shipped thirty carloads of oats alone. They handle all kinds of grain,—wheat, corn, oats, barley, flax-seed, etc.,—besides conducting a large business in the buying and selling of hay and farm produce.

Mr. Levering has other interests aside from that implied in the enterprise noted. He is financially concerned in the Mount Gilead Dry Goods Company, and is a stockholder in the Hydraulic Press Company. At one time he was a stockholder and director and was vice-president in the First National Bank of Mount Gilead, and in 1889 was cashier of the institution.

Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, retaining a membership in Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 206, and Gilead Chapter, No. 59. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is prominently identified with the same, being an Elder and a Trustee of the local organization. At the time of the building of the short-line railroad from Edison to Mount Gilead, in 1879, he was appointed by the Judge of Court, Moses Dickey, as one of the trustees, and he still holds that position.

On the 6th of April, 1871, Mr. Levering was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Louisa J. Dillon, daughter of Dr. Alexander Dillon, a prominent physician of Woodview, Morrow county, which is the native place of Mrs. Levering.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of six children, namely: Hibbard B., Ruth K., Morgan Alexander, John Allen, Mary Blanch and Willis Robert.

GREINER & SHIRK, proprietors of the Marysville Steam Laundry, Marysville, Ohio, are successors to the firm of Wilgus & Shirk, and are among the most enterprising young business men of their city, the members composing the firm being J. W. Greiner and H. A. Shirk. They began business July 18, 1894, have a complete steam plant, and are thoroughly equipped for their line of work, and have thus far rendered a high degree of satisfaction to their many customers. A personal mention of both Mr. Greiner and Mr. Shirk is appropriate in this work, and is as follows:

H. Arthur Shirk was born in York Center, Union county, Ohio, January 7, 1871, son of John H. and Phœbe (Hornbeck) Shirk, his father being a resident of Marysville, and his mother having died in 1875. Young Shirk spent the first nine years of his life on a farm, then went with his father to Mount Victory, Ohio, and four years later returned to Union county. He received his education in the public schools of this city, and at eighteen began life on his own responsibility, first in the employ of the Robinson & Curry Company, of Marysville, with whom he remained three years. He then turned his attention to the laundry

business in the establishment of M. E. Smith, and later took charge of the management of the laundry of D. S. Price, operating the business for him until July, 1893. In August of that year he purchased the hand laundry of A. Drake. This he conducted alone until March 12, 1894, when he consolidated with the steam laundry, under the firm name of Wilgus & Shirk. This firm, as above stated, was succeeded by Greiner & Shirk. Mr. Shirk gives his whole time and attention to this business, and in its management has evinced a marked ability. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Marysville Lodge, No. 100, and in politics is a Republican.

John W. Greiner was born in Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, April 20, 1863, son of Louis and Levina (Hess) Greiner, residents of Somerset. Louis Greiner was born in Germany, and when fourteen years of age came to America with an uncle, and settled in Perry county, Ohio, where he learned, with this uncle, the shoemaker's trade, at which he has worked all his life. He was married in Somerset, Perry county, to Miss Hess, whose parents were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Greiner have had ten children, of whom six are living, namely: Augustus A., a resident of Somerset, Ohio; Minnie A., a teacher in the Orphans' Home at Richmond, Indiana; Seigle H., of Somerset; John W.; Clio E., a member of the home circle; and Earle, also of Somerset. John W. attended the schools of his native town until he was thirteen, when he hired out to do farm work, and was thus employed five years. After this he went to Columbus, Ohio, and entered the employ of P. Hayden & Co. in the saddlery hardware business, remaining there two years. In November, 1884, he returned to Somerset, and began to learn the trade of a printer in the Somerset Review office, where he worked until the following April, when he came to Marysville. Here he completed his trade in the office of the Marysville Tribune, and continues there still. Since July, 1894, however, he has given only half of his time to the Tribune, the other half being devoted to his laundry business.

Mr. Greiner was married April 18, 1889, to Miss Lillian M. Shirk, daughter of John H. and Phœbe (Hornbeck) Shirk, and they reside on Ninth street, in the west part of the city. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and, like his partner, Mr. Greiner is a Republican.

JOHN H. SHIRK, of Marysville, Ohio, was born in York township, Union county, this State, May 15, 1840, son of Aaron and Rosemond (Tobey) Shirk, natives, respectively, of Hardy county, Virginia, and Saratoga county, New York, the father of German descent and the mother of English.

Aaron Shirk was born June 12, 1810, and when he was a boy came from Virginia to Ohio with his parents, John and Sarah (Brake) Shirk, their first settlement being in Ross county. About 1817 they came to Union county and settled in Liberty township on what was known as the old Joshua Judy farm, where they remained for a few years. John Shirk then bought a tract of 700 acres of wild land, two miles west of Newton, in the same township, where he made permanent settlement, and where he died about 1864, at the age of eighty-seven years, his wife having died earlier. He was a member of the Disciple Church, and donated the ground on which to erect a

church. He and his wife had fourteen children, Aaron being the second. Aaron Shirk was reared on the farm, but worked at the trade of shoemaker the most of his life. He owned a good farm in York township, on which he settled after his marriage, about 1831, and where he spent the rest of his life. He was one of the first settlers of York township, and in his log cabin was held the first election of the township, he casting the first vote, and being elected Constable. When a boy he assisted in cutting timber from off the Public Square of Marysville. He was a great reader, a public-spirited man, a Republican, and a member of the Baptist Church, and he passed to his reward January 17, 1887, his wife having preceded him by some three years. They had a family of five children, viz.: Sarah Ann, Hannah R., Herman T., John H. and Malinda.

John H., the subject of this article, is the only one of the family now living. He was reared on his father's farm and helped to clear and improve it, and he may be considered a self-educated man as his facilities for schooling in early life were limited. He remained at home until he attained his majority, when he rented land and engaged in farming on his own account. April 5, 1862, he married Miss Phœbe Hornbeck, a native of Madison county, Ohio. Mr. Shirk rented his father-in-law's farm for three years, two before his marriage and one after, and he then took charge of his own father's farm, which he operated until May, 1864. At that time he enlisted in the three months' service, as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out September 1, 1864. He then re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company C, One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was on duty until he was mustered out, September 1, 1865, at Winchester, Virginia, as Corporal.

The war over, Mr. Shirk returned to York township and bought a small farm adjoining his father's, and operated both places until 1873, when he traded his land for an interest in a grist and saw mill at York Centre. In 1876 he closed out his milling business there and went to Mount Victory, Hardin county, Ohio, where he continued milling for four years, at the end of that time returning to Union county and again settling in York township. A year later he came to Marysville. Here for two years he was with the Robinson & Curry Company, and the following two years was in the warehouse business. Then he was elected Street Commissioner, which office he filled four years. Since that time he has not been engaged in any active business, and is living retired in his comfortable home on Fifth street. While in York township he officiated for twelve years as Constable, and in Marysville he has served six years in this office. He is a member of Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R., and was one of the charter members of the G. A. R. post at Mount Victory.

Mr. Shirk's wife died April 5, 1876, leaving two children: Lillian M., wife of J. W. Greiner, of Marysville; and Henry A., also of this city.

September 27, 1878, Mr. Shirk married Miss Emma Garner, his present companion, a native of Knox county, Ohio.

In concluding this sketch of Mr. Shirk and his ancestry, we make reference to a little incident in the life of his grandfather,

John Shirk, and although a little incident, it serves to show the character of the man,—and of such an ancestor his descendants may well be proud.

John Shirk was one of the most prosperous and wealthy farmers in his settlement, and always had plenty of corn on hand. One day one of his well-to-do neighbors, Joshua Judy, drove up to Mr. Shirk's with a four horse team and asked if he had corn to sell, saying he understood it was twenty-five cents per bushel. "Yes," replied Mr. Shirk. "Well," said Mr. Judy, "I will take all you have." "Have you got the money, Joshua?" asked Mr. Shirk, to which he answered "Yes." And, looking out, Mr. Shirk continued, "You have a good team." "Yes." "Well Joshua, I guess you can drive further on, as you have a good team and the money, and I will keep my corn for those whe have no team and no money."

JAMES W. TILTON.—The subject to whose life history we now direct particular attention has been a resident of Marysville, Ohio, for more than a decade and has become closely and and conspicuously identified with the material progress and interests of the thriving little city, where he conducts in its line a representative enterprise in the way of a general real-estate and loan agency.

Mr. Tilton is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Licking county, July 2, 1843, the son of William and Jane A. (Reid) Tilton, the former born in New Jersey, the latter in Virginia, the parental lineage on either side tracing back to good old British origin. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Joseph Tilton, was a stalwart patriot who took up arms in maintenence of independence when the colonies united to thwart the unjust dominion of the mother country. He was an active participant in the war of the Revolution, and contemporary annals bear record of his efficient service in that ever memorable conflict which marked the inception of ours, the grandest republic the world has ever looked upon. The original American ancestors of the Tilton family represented two collateral strains, one portion having been established for several generations in the State of Maryland, and the other in New Jersey. From the latter, whose history was identified for many years with that of Monmouth county, New Jersey, our subject traces a lineal descent. Both branches of the family turned their attention principally to the tilling of the soil, and ever stood as types of the more intelligent, progressive and prosperous yeomanry of the nation,—a God-fearing, industrious and honorable people, such as ever constitute the bulwarks of a country's defense and stable prosperity.

William Tilton, the father of our subject, came to Ohio when but sixteen years of age, locating in Licking county, where he passed the residue of his life, save the four years prior to his demise, during which time he was a resident of Knox county, where he died in 1888 at, the age of sixty-nine years. His widow is still living, maintaining her home in Martinsburg, Knox county, and having attained the venerable age of seventy-one years. William and Jane A. Tilton became the parents of four children, of whom we here offer brief record in consecutive order of birth: James W., our subject; Noah H., a prominent merchant of Martinsburg; Sarah, wife of Simon Shrake, who is engaged in merchandising at Fallsburg, Licking county, Ohio; and Martha, wife of

L. H. Robinson, a prosperous farmer of Licking county, Ohio.

James Tilton passed his youth on the paternal farm, where his duties, his pastimes and his privileges were practically analogous to those of the average boy of that period and section. He had been enabled to attend the district schools during the winter terms and had assisted in the cultivation of the farm during the intervening summers,—this routine being but slightly varied up to the time he attained his eighteenth year. At this time grim-visaged war reared its horrid front, soon plunging a divided Union into a desperate fratricidal conflict in which the eternal principle of right was clearly involved. Like many another patriotic youth, our subject became fired with enthusiasm, and promptly made ready to render to his country that service which is the true patriot's votive offering. He accordingly enlisted in Company A, Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Captain Thad. Lemert, and was sworn into service October 5, 1861. Mr. Tilton's regiment was one that rushed into the thick of the fray, and the list of battles in which he participated stands in sufficient evidence that the service rendered was not short of the earnest which his patriot spirit had inspired. The principal engagements in which he took part were those of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Lookout Mountain, Ringgold, Atlanta campaign, Jonesboro and others. He was with Sherman in the memorable march to the sea, and his last appearance in battle was at Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was mustered out, at Columbus, Ohio, July 23, 1865, as Sergeant.

His military career ended, Mr. Tilton turned his attention once more to the gaining of those no less renowed victories which peace hath ever in store. He continued his educational work, so rudely interrupted, entering the Martinsburg Academy, where he remained for three terms, after which he engaged in teaching, in Licking county, for two terms. He then turned his steps Westward, locating in DeKalb county, Missouri, where he devoted his attention to farming and school teaching for a period of two years. He then returned to Ohio and soon thereafter, May 8, 1872, was consummated his marriage to Charlotte Floyd, daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Rogers) Floyd, of Martinsburg. After his marriage, Mr. Tilton, in company with his brother, engaged in the mercantile business at Fallsburg, Licking county, and there they continued for five years, when the business was removed to Martinsburg and conducted by the firm for a period of four years, after which our subject sold his interest to his father and brother, who assumed full control of the enterprise.

The transfer just noted marks the approximate date of Mr. Tilton's arrival in Marysville, for very soon thereafter he removed to this city, where he opened a real-estate and insurance office, later on extending the province of the agency by the inclusion of a department of financial loans, securing a representative clientage in the way of handling valuable realty and in the placing of real-estate loans as factor. The enterprise has grown to be one of wide scope and much importance, and the transactions made determine the status of the agency as one of the most flourishing in this section of the State. In 1893 he admitted to partnership in the real-estate department of the business T. M. Brannan, who is thus associated with him at the present time. He has charge of several farms in the vicinity

of the city, and to the supervision of these he devotes considerable time and attention.

Mr. Tilton is distinctively a public-spirited and progressive business man, is ever ready to lend his influence and assistance to all measures urged forward for the public good, and his popularity in the community is beyond cavil. He is a stockholder in the Davis Chair Company, one of the important industrial enterprises of the city. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and though never a seeker after public office he has been called upon to fill numerous positions of trust and responsibility. He served as Mayor of Marysville two years, from 1888 to 1890, and as Justice of the Peace for two years. Fraternally he holds membership in Palestine Lodge, No. 158, A. F. & A. M.; Marysville Lodge, No. 100, K. P.; and Ransom Reed Post, No. 113, G. A. R. In the last named he has been twice Commander, twice Adjutant, and in 1890 was a delegate from the same to the National Encampment, at Boston.

Mr. Tilton is a man of marked literary taste and talent, and his composition is ever graceful and refined in tone, his diction pure and perspicuous. He has acted as special correspondent and contributor to leading periodicals and newspapers, and his poetical offerings have been of a high order. Upon the death of John A. Logan, he indited a very spirited and beautiful memorial ode which was copied far and wide in the public press, and which elicited from Mrs. Logan a letter of appreciation and heartfelt thanks. We are permitted to reproduce the poem and the letter in this connection, and the same as appending are sure to be read with interest.

The family have been for many generations identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in this church our subject and his wife retain an active membership. They have had three children: Edith J., who died April 10, 1879; Dollie E., whose death occurred within the week following; and Wesley Earl who is now nine year of age. The family home is located on West Fifth street, near the court-house, and our subject's business headquarters are on the same street, near the square, which represents the business center of the city. Following is the memoir to which reference has been made:

OUR LOGAN.

Logan is dead! A star is rent
From out the nation's firmament,
A star of magnitude sublime
With sudden stroke hurled out of time.
When death its richest harvest gleaned
From battle-fields, a charm which screened
His precious life was o'er him thrown;
Death dare not claim him for its own.
Though oft it pierced the coat of mail
Inflicting wounds, it could but fail
To strike the hero's vital part
And stop the glow of that brave heart
Until with softened tread this foe,
So often foiled, now aimed its blow
When home delights and peaceful rest
Had shed their charms, supremely blest,
Upon the victor's laureled head,
And children's laugh and joyous tread,
With faithful wife constantly near,
Were richest music to his ear.
It seemed that God had sent the woof
To fill life's web beneath that roof;
But death there found its long-sought chance
And aimed with care its vengeful lance
And laid the warrior at its feet
Who ne'er before had known defeat.
Like savage captors when they spare
Their victim's life with greatest care,
Until before some loved one's eyes
Whose heartstrings break in useless cries,
They glory in their cruel feat
And shout their victory complete.
The soldier's thoughts will turn to-day
To many a bloody battle fray;
The loud hurrah; the foaming steed

Urged forward at his greatest speed,
As if he knew the lightning's lead
Would be too slow for rider's need;
As when the eagle in his flight
Swoops down upon the prey in sight,
Or as the lion from his lair
Sends forth his challenge on the air
And springs to meet the coming foe
And ends the fight with one fell blow;
Leaning forward, as if to aid
The rapid bounds the charger made,
With hat in hand, and long black hair
Streaming through the frighted air,
Rides the leader, whose cheering voice
Makes every soldier's heart rejoice
And feel, whatever may betide,
They'll follow close their chieftain guide.
His aids are coming in his train,
With faces blanched with fear and pain,
Expecting at each volley's blast
To see their captain fall at last.
This was the signal for the fight;
And Logan in his gallant might
Is cheering on his well-tried corps
'Mid rifles' crash and cannons' roar,
Until the surging waves of war
Have spent their force, and vict'ry's star
From out the cloud of death's grim night
O'er northern banners sheds its light.
Others might plan the battle well,
At distance safe their orders tell.
Command advance, or call retreat,
Or watch for vict'ry, or defeat;
But Logan always led the van,
And asked no more from any man
Than he himself would gladly bear,
And every danger bravely share.
Come, comrades, gather 'round his bier,
Beloved by every volunteer.
He was a friend without a peer,
Who with us shared each hope and fear;
And nothing in his bright career
Is to our mournful heart so dear
As, never ceasing, year by year,
He ever plead the soldier's cause
And sought the boon of righteous laws.
Slow justice answered his demand
And opened wide her gracious hand,
And took beneath her fostering care
The nations's wards and their welfare,
Until the orphan's heart was glad,
And widowhood in mourning clad,
Bowed down in hopeless attitude,
Was made to feel the gratitude
Of an awakened government,
Saved from rebellion's foul intent,
And now no longer seemed to mock
The needs of those who in the shock
Of years of conflict dared to stand
In brave defense of native land.
Farewell, defender of our rights,
This cruel stroke like mildew blights
Our brightest hopes. In vain our calls
For one on whom thy mantle falls.
Our bitter grief is only less,
Than hers on whom this sore distress
Falls like a cloud of dark despair,
Without a rift of promise there.
With her we only look above,
And trust that, through the Father's love,
We'll join again our hero's side,
When tents are pitched beyond the tide.

CALUMET PLACE,
Washington, D. C., March 10, 1887.

Sergt. J. W. TILTON,

Dear Sir: Your soul-stirring poem has been awaiting my return from Illinois, hence my delay in thanking you with all my heart for having written it. It thrilled me as I read it and I could see, in my fancy, my gallant husband as you have pictured him.

Why he had to leave us forever when seemingly strong and happy, surrounded by those who were ever ready to minister to him, whether he was in our own hallowed home or abroad among the people who loved him so truly, is one of the mysteries that will never be solved for me in this life.

Wishing you all happiness and long life, I am,

Respectfully,

MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN.

J. B. TAYLOR, who is one of the rising young physicians of Broadway, Ohio, and whose enviable reputation is recognized by the public and by his professional brethren as well, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, in the town of Norton, December 6, 1846, and is a son of Elam and Mary Ann (Glaze) Taylor. The maternal grandparents were natives of Penn-

sylvania. The paternal grandparents, Joel and Elizabeth (Irvin) Taylor, were natives of Connecticut, and came to Ohio about the year 1810, locating on the farm now owned by John Grady, near Inskip's Corners, Marlboro township, Delaware county. Elam Taylor came into possession of that place on his father's death, but lost it by going bail for a friend. He was a man of considerable local influence, whose sagacity and judgment were much respected, and for many years he held the office of Justice of the Peace in Troy township, Delaware county. He later resided in Norton and there held the same office. He is well known throughout the surrounding country as a most successful veterinary surgeon, and is a straightforward, honorable man. His wife died in 1850.

The Taylor family was well and ably represented during the late war, for the father and four sons donned the blue and aided in the defense of the Union, the aggregate of their terms of service amounting to more than twelve years. Elam Taylor enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, participated in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, and soon thereafter was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He was born near Norton, Delaware county, January 24, 1815, and died June 6, 1884. Adam H., his eldest child, born December 4, 1837, enlisted in April, 1861, in Company A, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was transferred to the Second United States Cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war. He is still living. George Albert enlisted in the same company and regiment, and was one of the first two volunteers from Marlboro township. He was rejected at Camp Dennison on account of his small stature, but again enlisted, June 13, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Delaware, Ohio. At the battle of Chickamauga he was taken prisoner, confined in Libby prison, taken thence to Danville, and later to Andersonville prison, Georgia, at which place he died, from scurvy, in September, 1864. He now lies in an unmarked grave, like many of the brave boys who left pleasant homes and laid down their lives on the altar of their country. Henry Walter Taylor enlisted in Company B, Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, September 18, 1861, at Delaware, Ohio; was captured at Carrion Cross bayou, Louisiana, November 3, 1863, and confined in a rebel prison at Austin, Texas, for a period of six months. He was discharged March 9, 1866, at Galveston, Texas, and, remaining in the South, afterward married a Southern lady, by whom he had two children. His father-in-law, a rank rebel, killed him near Summit, Mississippi, in 1872, and he was buried at that place. His wife and son now reside in Gloster, Mississippi, and his daughter, Dora, was brought North by Dr. Taylor and has married a Northern man, Mr. W. R. Willis, of Broadway, Ohio. Mary E. Taylor, the only daughter of Elam Taylor, was born December 4, 1850.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was early thrown upon his own resources. Upon his mother's death, which occurred when he was scarcely four years of age, the family was broken up, and the little boy was thus thrown upon the cold charities of the world,—and cold indeed he found them. He lived with various families until his eleventh year, and during that time manifested great aptitude for study, easily mastering the contents of the books to which he had access and making the facts

therein gleaned his own. During his eleventh year his father placed him with a certain family to work for his board and clothes, with the understanding that he was to be treated as a member of the family, and was to receive a horse, saddle and bridle when he had attained his majority. The aged lady, who presided over the household, however, proved to be of a very eccentric turn of mind and he was abused, mistreated and whipped most unmercifully and so completely was he held in subjection that he did not dare to give a true account of the circumstances, but when questioned concerning his treatment, would invariably reply, "I like my home." For more than four years he endured that treatment without complaining, for he believed himself a "bound boy" and did not dare run away. It was his earnest desire to attend school, but he was permitted to do so only through a very short portion of the year. He managed, however, to secure books from the township library and other sources, and thus succeeded in gaining knowledge which has proven of incalculable benefit to him in later years.

When, at the outbreak of the Rebellion, his brothers enlisted in the service, he ran away from his so-called "home," but again he was bound out, and found that fair promises ended in disappointment. He worked all winter, receiving no money and little clothing, so he left and went to his father's home (the father having been again married) and attended school until the succeeding spring, when he engaged with J. A. Schaaf, Commissioner of Marion county, Ohio, receiving a salary of $6 per month. Here Mr. Taylor found friends, and although his meager earnings went to support his father's family, yet he obtained many advantages, chief of which was permission to attend school. The kindness of this family toward the outcast will never be forgotten. In the autumn of 1862 his father enlisted in the service, and thus the support of the family devolved entirely upon him. The Taylors suffered greatly that winter, and often during the long cold days they had nothing to sustain life except potatoes and black coffee. But all things must have an end, and at last the long, weary winter of 1862–3 passed away. The father returned home, broken down in health, and soon after the subject of this sketch, who had frequently attempted to enlist, but who had been rejected on account of his age and size, was accepted as a member of Company G, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Lieutenant James W. Mills, at Ashley, Ohio, and served as a bugler during the war.

When peace was once more restored, Mr. Taylor returned to the place of his nativity, for home he had none, and began work upon a farm. It was his desire to enter school, but as he had given all his earnings to his father to aid in support of the family, he could not carry out this cherished plan. On the 21st of November he lost all of his few effects in a fire, barely escaping with his life. In the winter of 1865 he entered school, and in the summer worked upon a farm, his time being thus passed until his twenty-third year,—the privilege of attending school being granted him by reason of his service in the army when a minor. At the age of twenty-three he began working for an uncle, John Brunbridge, a wealthy farmer of Marion county, and this proved a fortunate move on his part, for his two cousins, "Lide" and "Joe," talented young ladies, graduates of

the Granville, Ohio, Female University, took quite a deep interest in him, placed at his disposal a good library, and aided him in his studies in many ways.

During this period of his career Mr. Taylor accumulated some money, and with it he later purchased a house and lot in Norton, which he placed at the disposal of his father and his family, and which was occupied by them for many years, without rent.

Our subject was industrious and was now meeting with fair success, but was not content with his lot,—wishing to enter upon a professional career. From overwork and study his health began to fail, and he was advised by Dr. E. H. Hyatt, of Delaware, Ohio, to study medicine, and not having the ready money to pay for instruction, he began studying with Dr. Hyatt, paying for the teaching by office work and such other assistance as he could render his preceptor. Subsequently he took a course of lectures in the Columbus Medical College, during the term of 1878–9, and left that school with ill health and without a cent of money, but he borrowed $12, and with indomitable energy walked to Green Camp, Marion county, Ohio, at which place he entered the office of Dr. Free, with the privilege of "making what he could." He went there an entire stranger, without recommendations or diploma, and, though his practice was not heavy, he made enough to defray expenses and won many warm friends and established a good reputation as an esteemed citizen and a successful practitioner. He was there elected and served as Township Clerk.

Returning to college in the winter of 1880, he was graduated March 3, 1881, and then again went to Green Camp, but hearing of a scarlet-fever epidemic at Broadway, Ohio, he came to this village, where he was soon battling with the disease. At the earnest request of many of the citizens of Broadway, he located in the town, March 14, 1881, and is still engaged in a lucrative practice here. His reputation both as a medical practitioner and surgeon is among the best, and he ranks deservedly high among his professional brethren. He has successfully performed some very difficult operations in surgery, and, although a Democrat, was appointed an examining surgeon for pensions under President Harrison's administration, and is still retained on the Board of Pension Examiners, at Marysville, Ohio.

Dr. Taylor is now serving his second term as Township Treasurer, and is connected with various fraternal organizations, being identified with the Masonic order; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Grand Army of the Republic. In addition to his business as a physician he is proprietor of a drug store in Broadway, and also owns a farm near by.

On the 23d of February, 1882, an important event occurred in the life of Dr. Taylor,—his marriage to Miss Emma L. Wolford, of Green Camp, Ohio, daughter of J. G. Wolford, and their union has been blessed with three children, namely: Arvilla Blanche, born October 25, 1883, died September 1, 1884; Mamie Alberto, born August 18, 1885; and Hazel Lillian, born May 29, 1888. The family is one of prominence in this community, and Dr. and Mrs. Taylor occupy a very enviable position in social circles.

The Doctor has lived an eventful life, and in the school of experience has learned many valuable lessons. His childhood was one of hardship and trial; his youth a period of struggle; and his manhood a season of

well-deserved prosperity. A man of kindly and genial nature, he is generous to a fault, —owing perhaps to the broad sympathy which was awakened by his own early privations.

JOSEPH B. INGALLS, one of the leading citizens of Delaware county, Ohio, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Franklin county, on the 21st of February, 1815. His father, Thomas Ingalls, was a native of Vermont, and his grandfather and several of his great-uncles were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Thomas Ingalls married Sarah Bigelow, also a native of the Green Mountain State, and they emigrated from New England to Franklin county, Ohio, in 1814, locating where Westerville now stands. He afterward sold his property at that place and purchased land near the county line. His death occurred at the age of seventy-seven years and his wife died at the age of fifty-five years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Joseph B., Mrs. Lucretia Arnold, Pearl Parker, and Mrs. Martha Massman.

Joseph B. Ingalls followed the trade of a chair-maker for a time in his early life, then engaged in wagon-making for many years, doing a good business along that line. In 1835, at the age of twenty years, he came to his present farm in Genoa township, Delaware county, and located amid the dense woods, but though he has since made his home here, he does not now reside in the midst of the forest, having cleared and improved his land, transforming it into a valuable farm.

On attaining his majority Mr. Ingalls was married to Miss Ann Maria Westervelt, a native of Duchess county, New York, and a daughter of Peter Westervelt. They had two children,—Rosalie, wife of Russell Spurgeon, of Onarga, Illinois; and Belinda, deceased. The mother of this family died in 1845, and, in 1847, Mr. Ingalls was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bishop, a native of Franklin county, Ohio, and a daughter of John Bishop. By their union have been born two children,—Pearl Parker and Percy B.

Joseph B. Ingalls, whose name heads this record, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of eighteen years, and has lived a consistent Christian life. In early days he was a strong opponent of the institution of slavery, and when the Republican party was formed, to prevent its further extension, he joined the ranks of that party, and has since fought under its banner. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace, proving a capable and efficient officer, and in early days took a deep and active interest in public schools.

P. INGALLS, son of Joseph B. Ingalls, was born in 1848, and was reared on the old home farm, receiving his primary education in the district schools of the neighborhood. When a youth of fifteen years he ran away from home and enlisted for service in the late war, joining Company A, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He took part in ten battles of that ever memorable struggle and his regiment was the second to enter the city of Petersburg during the engagement at that place. After the close of the war he returned to his home and entered Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, completing his education in that institution.

Mr. Ingalls is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he united in 1874. He is an active and zealous worker in the Republican party, and in civic societies he takes quite a prominent part. He is a charter member and Past Commander of James Price Post, No. 50, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic; is a charter member and Senior Past Chancellor Commander of Westerville Lodge, No. 273, Knights of Pythias; is a Past Noble Grand of Rainbow Lodge, No. 327, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Past Master of Blendon Grange, No. 708; an active Royal Arch Mason and Worthy Patron of Mizpah Chapter, No. 38, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Ingalls was married at the age of twenty-six years to Emma Crayton, a daughter of Rev. J. A. Crayton, a minister of the United Brethren Church. They have one daughter, Laura, a junior in Otterbein University.

Mr. Ingalls is a well-to-do farmer, and a highly respected man who faithfully performs his duties of citizenship in the same loyal manner that characterized his career as a soldier, when he followed the old flag on Southern battle-fields. He is serving a second term as Justice of the Peace of his township.

The Ingalls family are descendants of three brothers who came to America in the early days of the Puritans. They were of Welsh and English descent and emigrated to this country from Wales.

JOHN EDWARDS, deceased, was one of the prominent and honored pioneers of Delaware county, who for nearly seventeen years lived in this community, and successfully followed farming. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 27th of January, 1814, and there spent the first twelve years of his life. He then came to Delaware county, where his remaining days were passed. Securing a tract of wild land he placed it under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into a fine farm, and in this line of business he acquired a considerable wealth. He had no knowledge of arithmetic that was gained from schools, yet he could calculate interest very rapidly and with great exactness. He was twice married and had seventeen children, thirteen of whom are yet living. He possessed many excellences of character, in his business dealings was strictly honorable, and in all the relations of life his conduct was that of a true gentleman. He thus won many friends, and when called to the home beyond, his loss was deeply and sincerely mourned. He passed away March 5, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty years, one month and five days. Few had longer resided in Delaware county than Mr. Edwards, and with its history he was very familiar. He always took an active interest in everything pertaining to the interests of the community, and his hearty support and co-operation were always given to worthy enterprises. Three of his sons, who have become prominent farmers of this county, are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Harvey H. Edwards is a son of John and Elizabeth (Adams) Edwards. His mother bore the maiden name of Adams, and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Edwards was the widow of George Garey. Harvey spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old home place, and throughout his life has carried on agricultural pursuits. He inherited eighty-eight acres of good land, which he yet owns, and the place now yields him

a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon it. He votes with the Republican party, but has never had time or inclination to seek public office.

On the 15th of January, 1891, was celebrated his marriage with Bertha Wilson, the accomplished daughter of Midas and Mary (Thomas) Wilson. They are now residents of Delaware county, but her father was bern in New York, and her mother in Wales. Two children make bright and glad the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards,—Carol and Vera.

SOLOMON ROSEVELT, one of the venerable citizens of Ashley, Delaware county, Ohio, has been a resident of this place since 1865, coming here from New York city.

He was born in Alburg, Vermont, April 27, 1807, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Wildy) Rosevelt, and was reared to farm life in Clinton county, New York. When he was eighteen he went to New York city, and entered upon a three years' apprenticeship to the trade of ship-builder with the firm of Webb, Allen & Eckford. After he had served his time he continued with the firm as their foreman in the ship-yards. Subsequently he went to Keyport, New Jersey, and engaged in the business for himself, remaining there three years, and during that time constructing five vessels for the coasting trade. Returning to New York city, he accepted the position of foreman for Brown & Bell, ship-builders, and remained with this firm for several years. While he was with them the company took the contract for building the Baltic and Pacific, the first steamers that crossed the Atlantic. Brown & Bell, finding they could not carry out the contract, sub-let the same to Mr. Rosevelt and J. S. Joyce, who, under the name of Rosevelt & Joyce, built the vessels and launched them. After they had completed this contract they organized a new firm, the name of which was Rosevelt, Joyce & Co., which existed until 1865, a period of seventeen years, its career being marked by great prosperity. Among the vessels erected by them were those owned and operated by the New York Mail Steamship Company, the Cromwell Line of steamers, and many of the East and North River ferry boats. They built seven sailing vessels for A. A. Low & Bros., and the Horace Beals and Ephraim Williams for C. P. Dixon, and they also fitted out the vessels for the Burnsides & Banks expedition, as well as two for the United States Navy,—the last two being highly commended by the naval officers.

In 1865 Mr. Rosevelt sold his interest in the above-named business, and came West to Delaware county, Ohio, where he had purchased a farm the previous year. He had also purchased land in Morrow county. He built the first brick building in Ashley, a two-story business block, it being the second brick building in the township, and he also erected a number of substantial residences here. Since coming to Ashley, however, he has devoted the most of his time to superintending his farms, and has lived rather a retired life. He has amassed a handsome fortune, and is now enjoying the rest that comes after years of honest toil. Mr. Rosevelt's life has been an exemplary one. He has been strictly temperate in all things. He never took a drink of whisky, smoked a cigar or took a chew of tobacco in his life.

Politically he is a Democrat. He has served as a member of the Town Council

of Ashley, and for nine years was Cemetery Trustee. Early in life he was a member of Oak Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., but his business cares subsequently drew him from the order.

Solomon Rosevelt was married in New York city, December 7, 1829, to Miss Elizabeth Morris. She was born in New York city, December 25, 1811, and died March 6, 1859. They had ten children, five of whom grew to maturity, and three of that number are still living. These three are as follows: William H., a resident of Columbus, Ohio, connected with the Columbus Transfer Company; George W., more extended mention of whom is given below; and Charles E., Postmaster of Ashley. The two who grew up and are deceased were Maria and Margaret E. The former, the wife of Martin Wing, left four children; and the latter, the wife of W. W. Stratton, left one child. In 1859 Mr. Rosevelt married Mrs. Mary A. Stratton, widow of Joseph Stratton, of New York city. She is also deceased.

George W. Rosevelt, son of Solomon Rosevelt, was born in New York city, September 15, 1844, and was reared and educated there. When he was fourteen he was employed as assistant bookkeeper for the firm of Finken & Wheatley, sugar refiners on Wall street, which position he filled for two years and a half. When he was seventeen he enlisted in the Union army for service in the civil war, but on account of his youth his father caused his return home. Several times he attempted to enter the army, but each time his father brought him back. Finally, however, he was successful in his attempt, and he went into service with the Twenty-second New York Militia. He was in the battle of Gettysburg and in several skirmishes.

Previous to his entering the army he had gone to work for his father in the ship-yards, first as bookkeeper in the office, and afterward in other departments of the work, and he finally became a skilled mechanic. He continued with his father until the latter sold out and came West, and after that he worked for his father's successors, and continued in the ship-yards until November 30, 1875, when he, too, came to Ashley, Ohio. Here he carried on a general merchandise business until 1884, when he sold out to I. N. Cox, and from 1884 until 1891 he was in the regalia business, at the head of the firm of George W. Rosevelt & Co. In 1885 he accepted the position of United States Storekeeper and Gauger of the Eleventh District of Ohio, and continued as such until October 1, 1889, when he was relieved. August 1, 1893, he was recalled to fill a vacancy, and he still occupies that position. Since 1891 he has also been engaged in the boot and shoe business. He has been a notary public since 1887.

Mr. Rosevelt is a stanch Democrat, and is very prominent in the political affairs of the county. He has been a delegate to both county and State conventions, and has officiated as president of cacuses. Indeed, few men in Delaware county have been more active, either in business or politics, than George W. Rosevelt. He is a member of the following organizations: the Free & Accepted Masons, in which he has risen to the Scottish Rite degree; the Knights of Pythias; and the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1893 he was appointed Aid-de-camp on the staff of L. H. Williams, Commander of the Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, and is now a delegate to the State Encampment.

He was married July 25, 1865, to Miss

Mary E. Perry, a native of New York City. They have had two children, both of whom are deceased,—Hannah E. and GeorgeA.

BENJAMIN HULL, a man whose memory links the mystic old pioneer days with those of the period which marks the century's end, and who is one of the oldest settlers now living in the thriving little city of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, must be granted a consistent attention in this connection. He is one who knew much of the arduous toil and the hardships of the pioneer epoch and who has played well his part in life, never shrinking back from duty, nor from the line where industry directs the efforts of her stalwart devotees.

The father of our subject was Mahlon Hull, who was a native of New Jersey, and a farmer by occupation. The latter was a son of Benjamin Hull, also born in New Jersey, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of that State. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Eve Snook, was likewise a native of New Jersey, being the daughter of Henry Snook.

The marriage of our subject's parents was consummated in Sussex county, New Jersey, and there they continued to abide for several years. In 1825 they came to Ohio and settled on a sixty-acre tract of wild and very poor beech land in Chester township, Knox county (now Morrow county). Mr. Hull built a little log house in the woods and here established his home, remaining until he had cleared up the place, after which he sold the same, for a consideration of $500, and then removed to Indiana, settling in La Grange county, where he died, in the spring of 1839, his wife having passed away the preceding fall. They became the parents of a family of nine children, seven of whom are yet living: Benjamin is the subject of this review; Alice is the wife of Benjamin Thomas, of Chester township, this county; Lucinda, widow of the late Henry Keiser, is a resident of Mount Gilead; William lives in Mount Gilead; Daniel is a resident of the State of Washington; Phœbe Ann is the wife of Abram Newson, of Gilead township; Henry is deceased, as is also Alfred.

Benjamin Hull, subject of this sketch, was born in Sussex county New Jersey, December 20, 1819, and was but five years of age when his parents removed to Ohio and located in this county. His educational discipline was secured in the primitive log school houses of Chester township. After the death of his parents our subject brought his younger brothers and sisters back from Indiana to this township, and, though himself but a mere boy, set valiantly to work to assist in their maintenance. He first secured work on the farm of a Mr. Struble, remaining thus employed for four months, after which he apprenticed himself to learn the mason's trade, with James Beers, with whom he remained three years.

He came to Mount Gilead in 1844 and here continued to work at his trade for a full score of years. Somewhat later he became concerned in a speculation in connection with the Ohio Central Railroad, and as a result sustained a financial loss of $1,200. This loss was one for which he felt that he owed an expiation, and accordingly he again resumed work at his trade until he had made good the amount. For the past fifteen years he has been retired from active business.

In 1847 Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Elizabeth Newson, daughter of Abram Newson. She was born in Maryland, and was an infant when her parents removed to Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which our subject has been identified for half a century, having held prominent preferment as Steward and Class-leader. In politics he was originally a supporter of the Democratic party, but now gives his influence and vote to the Prohibition cause, being a most earnest worker in its behalf.

An honest man and a true one, he is held in the highest esteem in the community, where he has lived and labored for so many years.

WASHINGTON GARDNER, who resides on a farm in Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio, is one of the octogenarians of the county.

His father, John Gardner, was born in Edinburg, Scotland, and came to America with the British soldiers during the Revolutionary war; was in Cornwallis' army and surrendered at Yorktown. After the close of the war he settled in Loudoun county, Virginia, where he was subsequently married to Miss Elizabeth Groves, a native of Maryland, and of Dutch descent. As early as 1795 they removed to the Western Reserve and settled at what has since been known as Zanesville, Ohio, where they lived until 1816. John Gardner was the second man to build a cabin at that place. In 1816 he moved to Delaware county, now Morrow county, and located in Peru township, this part of the country then being almost an unbroken wilderness. Here he and his good wife spent the residue of their lives and died, honored and esteemed by all who knew them. Both were members of the Baptist Church, in which he was a Deacon. During the whisky rebellion in Pennsylvania he was one who helped to put a stop to the troubles there. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Rebecca, Nancy, John L., Elizabeth, Mary, Washington and Fannie.

Washington Gardner is the only survivor of this family. He was born November 2, 1814, at Zanesville, Ohio, and was a child when he came with his parents to Peru township, where he was reared and educated, remaining with his parents until their death. He was married September 5, 1847, to Miss Mary Wiseman, a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John and Hannah (Culver) Wiseman, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father being a farmer. The Wiseman family moved to Ohio in 1829 and settled on a farm in Columbiana county. In 1835 they located at Bucyrus, and some years later moved to Lincoln township, this county, where the father and mother both passed away. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom five are living, viz.: Mrs. M. W. Caris, Mrs. Gardner, John, Isaiah, and Mrs. Sarah Martin. Mrs. Gardner was educated at Bucyrus and at Kenton Seminary, and was for some years engaged in teaching, beginning in Morrow county when she was sixteen. She received $1.50 per week and "boarded around."

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gardner settled at Westfield, Morrow county, and in 1865 removed from there to their present farm in Lincoln township. He was for seventeen years engaged in the milling

business, and for some years also worked at the carpenter's trade.

In politics Mr. Gardner is a Republican, and has all his life taken an active interest in public affairs. He has been a delegate to both county and State conventions, has served as Trustee of Westfield, Peru and Lincoln townships, and now, at the age of eighty years, is serving as School Director. When the civil war came on he was among the first to tender his services for the protection of his country. He enlisted July 25, 1861, in Company G, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as teamster, and was in the service for eleven months, participating in the battle of Booneville, West Virginia. He is a member of the G. A. R. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the United Brethren Church.

Of their nine children, only four are living, and of these we make record as follows: W. S. is married and has two children and lives in Denver, Colorado; Maggie, wife of John W. Howard, lives in Lincoln township, this county, their family consisting of three children; John, married, is the father of one child, and lives in Delaware, Ohio; and Lola, wife of Conrad Hoffmire, of Fulton, this county.

ORMAN KINGMAN, deceased —The following memoir, which relates somewhat concerning the life history of one who stood as an honored resident of Morrow county for the long span of an active and useful life; one who was a native son of the county, and whose days were part and portion of the indissoluble chain which linked the annals of the early pioneer epoch with those of latter day progress and prosperity, is offered as a slight tribute to a man who stood four square to every wind that blew, and whose strength was as the number of his days.

Orman Kingman was a lineal descendant of the eighth generation from Henry and Sarah Kingman, who fled from England on account of religious persecution, and settled with the Pilgrim colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1630. He was born in Lincoln township, Morrow (then Delaware) county, Ohio, November 21, 1823. His father was Joseph Kingman, who was born and reared in the State of Vermont. In an early day, just after the close of the war of 1812, in which he was a solder, he removed his habitation from among the green-clad mountains of his native State, and took up his abode in the forest wilds of that portion of Delaware county, Ohio, which was subsequently included in the organization of the present county of Morrow. He settled in the woods, at a point five miles distant to the south of Mount Gilead, the present thriving seat of the county, and here he remained until the time of his death, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a son of Alexander Kingman, who likewise was a native of the old Green Mountain State, a member of a prominent family, and one of the brave men who took up arms and participated in the great conflict of 1776, by which the colonies determined their independence from the dominion of the mother country. He came to Ohio a few years after his son Joseph, and with him settled on the pioneer homestead already noted. Here he passed the residue of his life, dying October 18, 1849, at the age of eighty-five.

The mother of our subject, *nèe* Susanna Wood, was the daughter of Jonathan Wood, an early settler of this county, and one to

whom more specific reference is made in the sketch of his son, Thomas A., as appearing elsewhere in this volume.

Orman Kingman was the fourth in order of birth of the eight children of Joseph and Susanna Kingman, and all of this number lived to attain mature years. Orman passed his childhood and youth on the parental farmstead, receiving his scholastic discipline in the primitive log school-houses of the place and period. He remained on the old farm until the time when he married and assumed for himself the responsibilities of life, thereupon locating on a farm in Lincoln township, where he continued his residence for five years, devoting his attention to general farming. At the expiration of the period noted he effected the purchase of the place where his widow now abides, in the same township.

He was a man of broad intelligence, sturdy rectitude of character, progressive in his methods, and honorable in his dealings with his fellow men,—attributes which must ever eventuate in gaining the respect and esteem of all within a person's sphere of action and influence. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which body he had been prominently and actively identified for a period of nearly a half century, having been a Class-leader, and having held official preferment as Steward for a term of many years. Fraternally he was identified with the several Masonic bodies, having been initiated into the mysteries of that noble order when a young man. Politically he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he transferred his support and sympathy to that party. He served as Township Trustee, and had also been the incumbent in other minor offices of public trust. Mr. Kingman was well known in the county, was genial and sympathetic in temperament, and enjoyed a distinctive popularity, being an excellent conversationalist, and a man whose friends were in number as his acquaintances. He entered into eternal rest on the last day of August, 1891, and in his death the community mourned the loss, not of a great man, for his talents and opportunities were not such as to render possible the achievement of great ends, but of "a good man," and what higher honor can be accorded than in the recognition of the intrinsic worth of character?

The widow of our subject, Mary C. (Cunard) Kingman, who lives to bear and reverence his name, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, September 27, 1827, and was a daughter of Stephen T. Cunard, a native of the same county in the Old Dominion State, where he was born February 3, 1803. He was reared in Loudoun county, receiving somewhat limited educational advantages, and early in life learning the carpenter's trade. He was a son of Edward and Edith (Thatcher) Cunard, both of whom dated their nativity in Virginia. His father, Edward Cunard, Jr., served in the war of 1812, as Lieutenant of his company, and lost his life in one of the engagements of that memorable conflict. In his later years he had followed the vocation of civil engineer, being possessed of distinctive ability.

His grandfather, Edward Cunard, Sr., was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia, in October, 1781. The family is of English origin, tracing lineal descent from the Hirsts, of Yorkshire. The original representative of the Hirst family to locate in the New World came here in 1680 and settled near Baltimore, Maryland. The

mother of Mrs. Kingman was Vashti B. (James) Cunard, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1805, the daughter of David and Charlotte (Bradfield) James, who were pioneers of Morrow county, having moved to Morrow county, Ohio, in 1835 from Loudoun county, Virginia. The parents of Mrs. Kingman were wedded in their native State, November 26, 1826, and in 1835 they removed to the forest wilds of Morrow county (then Delaware county), Ohio, where but little had been done in the way of felling the forests, and where the log cabins of the settlers were few and far between. In 1835 there were twenty-eight votes cast at the general election in Lincoln township, and S. T. Cunard was one of the number of depositors. At the time of his death, in 1881, there were only three of these voters living, and the last of the number died in 1891.

When the parents came from Virginia their entire earthly possessions were transported in an old-fashioned carryall, in which the mother rode in state, with her little daughter (Mrs. Kingman) by her side, and the younger child (Ludwell M. Cunard, then a babe of five months, now a prominent citizen of Mount Gilead, this county) in her lap. The journey was made in this primitive conveyance along the old national road to Wheeling, West Virginia, and thence forward to the destination in this township. The available cash capital of the family was represented in the sum of $50, which Mrs. Cunard carried in her pocket. The father walked the entire distance, accompanied by his two faithful watch dogs, Castor and Pollux. Arriving here he built a diminutive log cabin, in which he installed his family, the place being located five miles south of Mount Gilead, which place was named by Daniel James, an uncle of the mother of Mrs. Kingman. The father set valiantly at work to clear and improve his little farm of 160 acres, and in time he gained the reward for his industry and good management, being the owner of 1,100 acres of finely improved land at the time of his death. He was originally a Whig; later a Republican and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Union during the late civil war. His death occurred March 3, 1881, his wife having passed away in May, 1871.

They were the parents of six children, namely: Mary C., relict of the honored subject of this sketch; Ludwell M., of Mount Gilead, this county, of whom individual mention is made on another page; Henry Edward, who was killed at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862, as Captain of Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Thomas Corwin, a very prominent citizen of Fulton, this county, having filled many places of trust, including that of Notary Public for many years: the town of Fulton is located on a farm which he bought many years ago, and he has the honor of having erected the first house in the town, and of doing more toward its advancement than any other of its residents; Alexander H., deceased; and Amanda E., deceased wife of Dr. A. E. Westbrook, of Delaware county. All of the four sons were soldiers in the late war of the Rebellion, the youngest of which (Alexander H.) enlisted at the age of fifteen and served four years.

Mrs. Kingman was the eldest child, and was seven years of age when her parents came to Ohio. Her education was received in the log school-houses which obtained in these early pioneer days, and as the eldest

child much of her time was demanded in assisting in the domestic duties of the little cabin home, where she waxed strong in health and years, becoming an example of that intelligent, wholesome type of young womanhood which the frontier life produced.

July 17, 1845, she was united in marriage to Mr. Kingman, and she became the mother of six children, of whom we make record as follows: Ada Ellen died in infancy; Elmore Y. is a prosperous farmer in Lincoln township. His early education was obtained in the district schools, and he afterward taught in the same school where he had been a pupil. He then attended the high school in this county for several summers, teaching during the winter months. By economy he managed to save a part of his small salary, and with a little assistance from his father, he was enabled to attend the Baldwin University for several terms. He married Belle Smith, a very amiable lady, and they settled on the farm where they now reside. They have two sons, William Orman and Charles Cunard, both exemplary, promising young men. Stephen Cunard Kingman is a representative young attorney of Mount Gilead, where he has practiced law for the past twenty years. He received his early education in the schools of his own district, afterward attending the high school and Baldwin University. After returning from college he commenced the study of law. Soon after this he married Ada Eudora Coe, a lady of great moral worth. She died within a few years, leaving two little girls. The elder, Mary Letitia, a child of unusual promise, died when eleven years of age. He remained a widower for two years, when he married Mary Alexandria Ireland, a very talented young lady, and they have four interesting children: Helen Valeria, Elba Nile, Hortense Virginia and Cunard Maxwell. Joseph B. Kingman is at home. George Edward died in childhood. Hortense Vashti is the deceased wife of Professor Henry A. Foster. She commenced teaching school before she was sixteen years of age, and had pupils who were older than herself. She was a graduate of the high school at Mount Gilead, and afterward attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, where she became acquainted with Professor Foster. She was a young woman of beautiful character and high order of intelligence. After her marriage she removed with her husband to Pontiac, Illinois, where she died only eleven months later.

Mrs. Kingman is a woman of great memory and "strong common sense," whose kindly character and genial and sympathetic nature have endeared her to a large circle of devoted friends, while in her gentle graciousness lies the charm of true refinement and the evidence of the born gentlewoman. She is noted in the community for her devotion to the collecting of interesting relics and quaint family heirlooms, and none are more highly prized by her than the little splint-bottomed chair in which she sat during their journey to this country, sixty years ago; a large tortoise-shell comb of her mother's, bought sixty-eight years ago, and still in perfect condition, not even a tooth missing, although worn almost constantly by her for thirty years; and a little butter tray made by her father sixty years since. She has set apart a room in her pleasant home for the displaying of this collection, which constitutes an attractive and veritable museum, concerning whose various articles Mrs. Kingman can entertain

one with piquant and diverting descriptions and narratives. Her home is one which shows culture and refined taste, and is one in which there is always assured a gracious welcome. She is loved and esteemed by all in the community, where so many years of her life have been passed.

The following poem, composed by L. M. Cunard, son of the late Judge S. T. Cunard, was read September 23, 1892, by his sister, Mrs. Mary C. Kingman, at their mountain home:

MY MOUNTAIN HOME.

With weary pace and saddened heart,
To this dear spot I come;
While gathering tears unbidden start,
For 'tis my childhood home;
And six decades have rolled away
Since first I rambled here,
With bounding step in childish play,
Untrammelled by a care.

But O what changes! Sixty years
Have given few pleasures birth;
But disappointments, bitter tears,
Have quenched the flames of mirth.
Now, from my own loved Ohio,
Here once again I come;
And mem'ry's currents backward flow,
While at my mountain home.

Here will I close my eyes and dream
I am a child again,
Let old-time scenes, like rushing stream,
Pass by me, now, as then.
Sweet dream. O'er grand old mountain heights,
Again, a child, I roam;
Anon, I soar in joyous flights
Around my mountain home.

I dream, and while I dream, behold
The "old home" as it was,
Ere three-score years their tale had told
Of grief, and death, and wars.
I still dream on; and now I hear
A song of long ago;
I list, entranced, and still more clear
The echoing anthems flow.

O, how familiar is that strain;
How soft each cadence steals,
To soothe and quiet every pain,
My childish spirit feels.
Old Blue Ridge—lofty, more sublime
Than polished Grecian dome;
Surroundings change, and men; but Time
Moves not my mountain home.

Here would I stay and still dream on,
And breathe thy balmy air,
But oh! the sweet illusion's flown;
I wake; old age is here;
But while life lasts, and memories live,
Where e'er on earth I roam,
My latest thoughts to thee I'll give,
Thou dear old mountain home.

ANDREW J. GORDON, one of the leading farmers of Franklin township, Morrow county, was born in Perry county, this State, November 26, 1843, the eldest son of Israel Gordon. August 3, 1861, Andrew J. enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company A, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years. He spent two months in guarding boats at Gallipolis, was then at Camp Dick Robinson, Kentucky, until February, 1862, and next went to Somerset, that State, where he was assigned to General Thomas' command and took part in the battles of Mill Spring. Returning to Louisville and on to Nashville, he participated in several skirmishes. Next, under General Bull, Mr. Gordon took part in the second day's fight at Shiloh, and served through the siege of Corinth. Returning to Huntsville and Louisville, he took part in the battle of Perrysville, thence on to Nashville, to guard Cage's Ford, and repelled General John Morgan's forces. Mr. Gordon, who was then on picket duty, saw the army coming, and notified the regiment. He fired at a horseman, knocking him from his

saddle, after which the fight began in earnest, with the result that Morgan was repulsed. Returning to Nashville, he participated in a small fight at Triunt, Tennessee, also in the battles of Murfreesboro and Chickamauga. At the latter engagement he was shot in the left side of his head by a musket ball, about 3 P. M., on September 19, 1863, and remained senseless for a long time. He was taken to Hospital No. 3, at Nashville, where an operation was performed, and was afterward removed to Zollicoffer's barracks. In the meantime his regiment was discharged on a furlough. After his recovery he rejoined them at Nashville, where they were on veteran furlough, and the regiment marched from that city to Chattanooga. Mr. Gordon was a participant in the memorable "March to the Sea," took part in the engagement at Dalton, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, and in all the battles in which the regiment participated, including the siege of Atlanta. During all that time he suffered greatly from his wound, which did not heal for two years after his return home.

After leaving the army, Mr. Gordon remained on his father's farm for a time, and then followed the carpenter's trade for several years. He subsequently settled on a farm in this township, and nineteen years ago came to his present farm of 318 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. In 1881 he built his residence, at a cost of $1,700. In addition to general farming, Mr. Gordon is extensively engaged in raising Shorthorn cattle (owning at one time forty head) and Shropshire sheep.

November 13, 1869, our subject was united in marriage with Rachel La Rue, a native of Perry county, Ohio, and a daughter of John B. La Rue, deceased. To this union have been born four children,—John B., Dora, William, and Susan. The eldest son graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University in the class of 1894. Mr. Gordon is a life-long Republican, and has served as School Director for sixteen years. In his social relations he is a member of the Independent Order Odd of Fellows, at Mount Gilead, also the Encampment, and is a member of the U. V. L. Mr. Gordon still suffers greatly from the wound received in the war.

THOMAS HERD, one of the venerable citizens of Liberty township, Union county, Ohio, has lived in this township longer than any other man in it. A sketch of his life will be of interest to many, and it is as follows:

Thomas Herd was born in Harmony township, Clark county, Ohio, six miles east of Springfield, March 4, 1813. His father, also named Thomas, was a native of Berkeley county, Virginia, and was a member of a prominent family of the Old Dominion. He and three of his brothers, Benjamin, Lewis and Stephen, were participants in the Revolutionary war. After the war Lewis and Benjamin went to Massachusetts, where they settled and reared their families, some of their descendants becoming prominent as lawyers, ministers and doctors. Stephen and Thomas settled in Fayette county, Kentucky. The mother of our subject, Dorcas Herd, was born in Pennsylvania, her people being of Scotch origin. From Fayette county, Kentucky, Thomas Herd and his wife removed to Clark county, Ohio, where both died of milk sickness, the father dying before the birth of

our subject, and the mother six months after that event. They had a family of eight children, namely: James, William, John, Ann, Mary, Lewis, Betsey and Thomas.

Thus left an orphan, young Thomas found a home with 'Squire James Herd, a cousin, with whom he remained until he was fourteen. He then served an apprenticeship to the trade of tanner and currier, at which he worked for seven years and eight months, becoming an expert at the business. Subsequently he worked at this trade at Chillicothe and Marion, Ohio. Later he turned his attention to farming, settling on 100 acres of land, all covered with heavy timber. In the midst of this dense forest he built a log cabin and at once set about the work of clearing and developing it. He has been a hard worker all his life and in his younger days was regarded as one of the strongest men in the county. As the years passed by and prosperity attended his earnest efforts, he acquired other land, and at one time was the owner of 703 acres, the most of which was well improved and under cultivation. He has given each of his sons a farm and now has 450 acres left. In connection with his farming operations, he has always given considerable attention to stock-raising, especially horses and cattle. During the war he bought and sold horses and he found it a paying business at that time.

Mr. Herd was married October 11, 1835. to Lydia Darrow, who was born in Clinton county, New York, and reared in Champaign county, Ohio, daughter of James and Sarah (Willard) Darrow. Her grandfather Willard served all through the Revolutionary war. He was a native of Massachusetts. Mrs. Herd died May 15, 1892, leaving a family of five children: Olive, wife of John Reed, of Liberty township, Union county; James, a Justice of the Peace and a popular and successful teacher for a number of years, died at the age of forty-nine; Hiram D., resident of Liberty township; William, of Allen township, this county; and John, on the home farm. In 1893 Mr. Herd married Mrs. Jane Sparks, widow of Charles Sparks. Her maiden name was Bryan and she was born in Wayne county, Ohio.

Politically Mr. Herd is a Republican; religiously a Universalist. Time has dealt gently with him, and although now in his eighty-second year he is well preserved and appears much younger. He is frank and genial and has many friends both among the old and the young.

JS. McGINNIS, postoffice Richwood, follows farming in York township, Union county, where he owns and operates 240 acres of land. This is a valuable tract, and the rich soil yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon it. Upon the place is a comfortable residence, good barn and windmill and all the other accessories and conveniences of a model farm.

Mr. McGinnis was born on this place on the 23d of August, 1867, and comes of a family of Scotch-Irish origin. His grandparents, Johnson and Margaret (Penick) McGinnis, came to Union county in 1854. They had a family of nine children, one of whom, William McGinnis, became the father of our subject. That gentleman was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, January 7, 1818, and was there reared and educated. Having arrived at man's estate he wedded Miss Mary Hartford, and they became the parents

of four children, two of whom are yet living,—Andrew N., of Norfolk, Nebraska; and Amelia J. Taylor, of Bokes Creek, Ohio. Those deceased are: Albert O., who died at the age of twenty-eight; and John, who died in childhood. The mother of this family was called to the home beyond on the 4th of July, 1861, and on April 20, 1865, Mr. McGinnis married Miss Mary J. Sterling, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, May 25, 1833, and is a daughter of David and Mary (Cox) Sterling. Her father died in York township, February 18, 1874, and her mother passed away June 17, 1882. They had a family of four children, namely: Mary J., John H., Amos James, who was a soldier and Colonel of the late war and is now living in Leadville, Colorado; and Rebecca Margaret, who is living in Richwood, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis also had four children: John Sterling, of this sketch; Agnes G., born Ocotober 18, 1870; James H., who died December 13, 1869, at the age of nineteen months, and David W., who died August 24, 1877, at the age of five years. Agnes G. was united in marriage to William A. Mulligan on January 14, 1892. He died May 19, 1892: to them were born a daughter, Mary R., February 8, 1893. The father departed this life November 13, 1889, when seventy-one years of age.

No event of special importance occurred during the boyhood and youth of our subject. He was reared in his parents' home in the usual manner of farmer lads, working in the fields through the summer months, and attending the common schools of the neighborhood during the winter season. He is a wide-awake and enterprising young man and his industrious habits and energetic disposition are winning him success in his undertakings. In connection with farming he is interested in the Central Ohio Fence Company, of Richwood, Ohio, of which he is now president.

On June 20, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McGinnis and Miss Minnie Dell Spicer, daughter of David and Keziah (Ross) Spicer. They are well known people of this community, and in the township where they live have many warm friends. Mr. McGinnis exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party and holds membership with Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 303, A. F. & A. M., and with the Presbyterian Church.

J. H. GRIFFITH, deceased, for many years a highly respected business man of Delaware, Ohio, was born in Wales, near the English border, his birth occurring about 1825. He learned the trade of stone cutter when a young man, and was engaged in the marble business all his life. In 1859 he emigrated to America, coming direct to Delaware, Ohio, and here he established the business which his son, T. H. Griffith, is carrying on at the present time. His wife, *née* Ann M. Davis, had died in Wales, and he brought with him his only son to this country. For two years he was in partnership with a Mr. E. C. Covell, and with that exception he did business alone, his whole career being marked by signal success.

T. H. Griffith was born August 4, 1848, and, as above stated, came with his father to Delaware, Ohio, in 1859. In the public schools of this city he received his education and as soon as he was old enough began working in his father's establishment. After his father's death he assumed full control of the business, which he has since suc-

cessfully conducted, doing the largest business in his line in the county. Like his father before him, he is an expert at the business.

Mr. Griffith was married August 11, 1873, to Miss Susan M. Dickie, and has two sons, Earle and Carey. Their residence is on South Main street.

OLFORD HALE is classed with the leading farmers of Paris township, Union county, Ohio, his post office address being Marysville. A brief sketch of his life is as follows:

Olford Hale was born at Fort Finley, Wood county, Ohio, April 16, 1838, and comes of Irish extraction. Grandfather Hale was a veteran of the Revolutionary war. He owned a farm three miles from the city of New York, where his son, Reuben, the father of our subject, was born and reared. Reuben Hale came to Ohio when a young man, and was employed on the old Maumee canal. While at work there he formed the acquaintance of Asher Wickham, who invited him to his home, and there he met Mr. Wickham's daughter, Miss Emmaline, who subsequently became his wife. She was born near Fort Finley, in Wood county, and, like him, was of Irish descent. Some time after their marriage they removed to Allen township, Union county, and settled on a farm on Derby creek, where they spent the residue of their lives, the mother dying at the age of forty years, and the father at fifty-eight. They reared a large family of children to occupy honorable and useful positions in life, their names being as follows: Amanda, William, Minerva, Elizabeth E., Olford, Lucy, Jasper, Lafayette, Jonas, Algeretta, Israel, and Helen. Four of the sons, William, Lafayette, Jonas, and Jasper, were soldiers in the Union army, and Jasper died in Libby prison.

The subject of this article, Olford Hale, was reared on a farm in Allen township, this county, and obtained his education in the district school, and later in the practical school of experience. When he was sixteen he hired out to work for John Reed, a farmer of Union township, with whom he remained for several years. After his marriage he settled in that township, and resided there until he came to his present farm in Paris township. Here he and his wife have 118 acres of choice land, on which is a good brick house and other desirable improvements, and everything is kept up in good shape.

Mr. Hale was married in October, 1872, to Miss Sarah Ann Moodie, daughter of William and Lucinda (Jones) Moodie, the former deceased, and the latter still living on the old home farm in Union township. William Moodie was born in Virginia, the son of a Scotchman who came to this country about 1817; he was a man of more than ordinary business ability, and during his life in Union county, Ohio, which covered a period of over sixty years, he was engaged in farming, and accumulated a large amount of property. He died August 7, 1894, leaving an estate estimated to be worth $60,000. His only children are a son and daughter, Henry and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have had seven children, three of whom are living,—Lucinda, Anna May, and Emmaline. Lucinda is the wife of Casper Daum, of this township. The four deceased were Etta and Ed (twins), and Fred W. and Walter.

In his political views Mr. Hale is a radical Republican. The only public position he ever held was on the School Board.

REV. GEORGE J. WOOD, of Morrow county, is a son of Daniel Wood, a native of Vermont. He came from New York to Ohio about 1815, locating on what is known as the Munson farm, and taught the first school ever opened in Peru township. He was a minister in the Friends' Church, and had visited every State in the Union, excepting one, in evangelistic work. His first marriage was to Phœbe Benedict, a native of New York. She died after coming to Ohio. Of their children, only one is now living, Richard, of South Woodbury. Daniel Wood was afterward married to Elizabeth Lancaster Benedict, a cousin of his former wife, and a native also of New York. She came with her parents to Ohio in 1812, when about fourteen years of age. She started from her Uncle Sylvester Benedict's on an errand through the woods in the edge of the evening, and, missing her path, took an Indian trail which led her off her route onto what was known as the "Musk Rat Prairie," not far from Cardington. The few settlers collected, built fires through the woods and searched for her all night without success. She found her way the next day, and a messenger was sent to meet the troops on their way up to Sunbury on the supposition that she had been stolen by Indians, but they refused to be turned back until they had seen her. She had lost one shoe off and passed some of the night in a tree-top near by where the wolves had killed a colt a few nights before. It was a frosty night, and the exposure caused a white swelling in one of her limbs and made her an invalid for many years. She was married in Peru township, Morrow county.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood lived on several different places in this county, and their property was finally destroyed by fire, after which they moved to South Woodbury, where he died in 1868. The town of Woodbury was named in his honor. He was prominently connected with the Underground Railroad, and was an industrious worker in every enterprise for the improvement of his locality. In the fall of 1844 Mr. Wood visited the great commoner Henry Clay at his home in Kentucky, for the purpose of influencing him, if possible, to use his great influence for the emancipation of the slaves (Mr. Clay was a colonizationist). Mr. Wood was present when he received the news of his defeat in that memorable campaign by James K. Polk, and he answered that appeal sadly, evidently under the sting of that unexpected defeat: "My dear sir, I have much less influence than some people think." Mr. Wood on his way to Kentucky called upon Governor Thomas Corwin at Columbus, who, learning of his contemplated visit to Mr. Clay, kindly offered him a letter of introduction in which he said: "His character is unimpeached and unimpeachable." During this interview Mr. Wood related to Mr. Clay the following remarkable incident, which had occurred in North Carolina not long before. Mr. Wood having visited the neighborhood was able to vouch for its correctness. The Friends' Church in the slaveholding States was vigorously endeavoring to rid itself of the crime of slaveholding and was rapidly succeeding, most of that denomination liberating their slaves, sending them north to free States and mak-

ing provisions for them there as best they could; but there was one large Quarterly Meeting that had quietly resolved that their slaves were their property, and, let the church say what it would, they would hold on to their slaves.

On the occasion of a meeting at that place the Rev. Aaron Lancaster, paternal grandfather of Elizabeth L. Wood, who had the reputation of being a prophet, came into the meeting unannounced and told them openly what they had secretly resolved, and that "they would become a stench in the nostrils of the Almighty; and as proof of it there should never be another such meeting held in that house." Without taking his seat after delivering this he left the house, and, mounting his horse, left the neighborhood. Inside of three months the house was destroyed by a whirlwind, one solitary sill being all that was left of it on the ground, and one door being found lodged in a pine tree five miles off! Mr. Clay listened to this recital patiently and then quietly remarked that "he expected hurricanes were not unusual down in the vicinity of old Albemarle sound." Mr. Wood was a remarkable man physically and intellectually. He was six feet in height and in the pioneer lifts of log-rollings and house-raisings he was recognized as the stoutest man in the settlement. He had his best hats made to order, his measure around his head being just two feet. The person known as George in Uncle Tom's Cabin was a refugee in the house of Aaron L. Benedict, an uncle of our subject. Daniel Wood and wife had seven children: Sarah (deceased), George J., Thomas E., Samuel (deceased), an infant (deceased), Daniel H. and Esther Tuttle. The latter is now the wife of Calvin H. Pritchard, both ministers in the Friends' Church, stationed at Kokomo, Indiana. She was the founder and editor of the Friends' Missionary Advocate, and was also the leading spirit in the Friends' foreign missionary work of the entire Society of Friends. Daniel Wood was a minister in that church for sixty years.

Rev. George J. Wood, the subject of this sketch, assisted in the work of the home farm until twenty-two years of age, and then located on his present place. He arranged with a family to keep house for him until his marriage, which occurred in 1862, to Mary W. Brown, a native of Huron county, Ohio. He taught two successful schools in Cardington township, and, the winter following, one in his own township of Peru. He spent parts of several years from home, mostly in the States of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, introducing the Kuso and Morehouse patent churns. He was a successful salesman and made several thousand dollars for himself and his partner. He takes great interest in the work of the Friends' branch of the Christian Church and is an active and trusted member of it. For the two last years past he has been under appointment by Ohio Yearly Meeting as Superintendent of "evangelistic and pastoral work." Two years ago he successfully executed a commission by the same body as chairman of a committee to secure the passage of an enabling act by the Ohio Legislature legalizing the change of name of the Society of Friends to Friends' Church. He has for a number of years been chairman of the committee of said yearly meeting on education and Scripture schools, and has just recently been elected chairman of an association of the farmers of his township known as the "Farmers' Mutual Association," which association of farmers, in an intelligent discussion of their interests and

concerted action, he expects much benefit to all concerned. He is enthusiastic in his claim that this organizing is the initial step for the liberating of the farmer or producing community from oppressive monopolies, and the having of the voice and influence they are entitled to in the disposition of their products and the purchase of necessary supplies. He has been breeding Shropshire lambs for market for the last few years, but now claims to have the finest flock of De Lain sheep and the most valuable Jersey herd of heifers in his township.

Mrs. Wood's father, Judge Daniel W. Brown, was born in the State of Connecticut in 1805, but became a resident of Ashland county when it was yet known as Huron county. He was active in procuring the creation of Ashland county and was soon after elected Circuit Judge. The next winter after this he was employed by Richard House, Samuel Gellar and Stephen Conard, of Mount Gilead, in the creation of Morrow county. He was a zealous Whig in politics, and accompanied William H. Harrison, his personal friend, in some of his political tours before he was elected President. He was warden of the penitentiary under Governor Wood, and at one time had charge of the Cambria Iron Works at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He finally moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to educate his children. The mother of Mrs. Wood, formerly E. Jane Brady, was born in Westchester county, New York, September 18, 1810. She was a daughter of Charles Brady, born in the same county January 29, 1791, of Irish descent. Judge Brown and wife had five sons and one daughter, namely: Samuel, deceased, who was a farmer by occupation; Charles Brady, deceased, was a prominent attorney, having begun practice at Cincinnati and continued it afterward; Joseph W., a civil engineer in Memphis, Tennessee, assisted in the first survey of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and died of a congestive chill, at Marshall, Texas; Ethan Allen, named for Ethan Allen Brown, a relative and one of the first Governors of Ohio, was also an attorney, was wounded at Fayetteville, West Virginia, and died from the wound at Gallipolis, Ohio, during the civil war, having served as Captain in the Thirty-fourth Ohio Zouave Regiment, A. Saunders Piatt, Colonel; Merrit, deceased in Florida, was clerk in the First Comptroller's office in the Treasury Department at Washington, District of Columbia; Mrs. Mary B. Wood and her mother, Mrs. Brown, are the only survivors of the family, and the latter is eighty-four years of age, still bright and intelligent.

Rev. George J. Wood has been an active minister in the Friends' Church for a number of years. He makes no pretensions to oratory, but the thrift and spirituality of the Alum Creek Church, which has been under his pastorate care so long, is the best of evidence of his clear, practical preaching, backed as it is by an exemplary life. His

> "Boast is not that he deduced his birth
> From loins enthroned or rulers of the earth,"

(Though he might claim it in the royal house of England through the Lancaster stock),

> "But higher far his proud pretensions rise,
> The son of parents passed into the skies."

He owns and operates a fine farm of 116 acres. In his political relations he affiliates with the Prohibition party, and has served as Township Treasurer, Trustee and Justice of the Peace. His commission as Justice of the Peace was signed by Rutherford B. Hayes, Governor of Ohio, afterward President of the United States.

MARSHALL FIELD, an enterprising agriculturist and one of the honored veterans of the late war, now makes his home near Richwood, Union county. He was born in Delaware county, on the 20th of September, 1839, and is the second in a family of fourteen children, of whom twelve are yet living. The father was a native of York State, and became a resident of Delaware county in 1818. His wife claimed Pennsylvania as the State of her nativity. In their later years, they emigrated to Iowa, where Mr. Field's death occurred in the year 1866, at the age of sixty-eight. Mrs. Field died in the year 1893, at the age of eighty-three years.

The educational privileges which our subject received were those afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood. He pursued his lessons in the winter season, and in the summer months aided in the cultivation of the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors of farm life. He continued with his parents until nineteen years of age, when he left home and was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Houden, their wedding being celebrated in May, 1860. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, but in an early day removed to Delaware county, being numbered among its pioneer settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Field have been born six children, namely: Ida L., Elizabeth, Hannah, Jennie, Gracie and Freddie.

During the late war Mr. Field joined the Union army as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, and was in Sherman's army in all its engagements and movements from the beginning of the Atlanta campaign until the surrender of the rebel General, Joseph E. Johnston, in front of Raleigh, North Carolina. For nearly three years he was numbered among the boys in blue, and being always faithful to his duty, when the war was over he received an honorable discharge. He participated in every engagement in which his regiment took part from the time of his enlistment until the date of his discharge. He enlisted in August, 1862, and was discharged at Washington, June 4, 1865. During his entire service he was never sick a day or on any occasion absent from duty. During a charge at Jonesboro, near Atlanta, he received a slight wound in his right leg, but was not seriously inconvenienced. He also had a brother in the service, who died in Mound City, Illinois.

During the greater part of his life Mr. Field has carried on farming and stock raising. He has, however, for a short time engaged in operating a sawmill for his father. When he entered upon his business career he had no capital save a young man's bright hope of the future and a determination to succeed, but he has worked earnestly, and as the result of his untiring labor and perseverance has accumulated a comfortable property. He now owns a good farm of seventy acres, and in addition his wife has a tract of fifty acres. This is all rich soil, and the well tilled fields yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon them. The improvements upon the place are such as should be found upon a modern farm, and in agricultural pursuits and stock raising Mr. Field has won success.

In the fall of 1889 Mr. Field was elected to the office of County Commissioner for the term of three years, and re-elected in the fall of 1892. Under his management and supervision was built, or rebuilt, the

County Infirmary; the Armory at Delaware, Ohio; also the Children's Home of Delaware county. He has just completed a handsome frame residence, built at a cost of $2,500, modern in every detail, heated by furnace and supplied with other modern conveniences. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his political views he is a Republican. The best interests in the community receive his hearty support and co-operation, and he is therefore numbered among the valued citizens of his township.

SILAS J. MANN, a farmer and stock-raiser of Harlem township, Delaware county, Ohio, has resided upon his present homestead since the 15th of March, 1875. He was born in Harlem township, December 31, 1838, and is a son of Abijah Mann, whose sketch appears in Delaware County History. In the family were ten children of which Mr. Mann was the second in order of birth. The parents were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were highly respected people. The mother died March 15, 1866, and some seven years later the father passed away. He was a native of New Jersey and the mother a native of Harlem township, Delaware county, Ohio.

When Silas J. Mann was a lad of twelve summers, his father went to California, where he remained for two years, and he then began working by the month in order to help support the family. He made his home on his father's farm until he was twenty-two years of age, and to agricultural pursuits he devoted his energies through the summer months, while in the winter months he attended the district schools of the neighborhood. On the 8th of August, 1862, when twenty-two years of age, Mr. Mann responded to the country's call for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion, and joined the boys in blue of Company G, Forty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the 4th of July, 1863, he started with his regiment in a raid after Morgan and traveled 1,400 miles in twenty-eight days, passing through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Being disabled while on this long march, he was, on the 23d of November, 1864, transferred to the Eighth Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps, which was stationed at Camp Douglas, Chicago. There he became a member of the post band which played for twenty days at the Northwest Sanitary Fair in that city. The day which brought the nation its freedom also gave him his independence, for on the 4th of July, 1865, he was released from military duty. Being honorably discharged from the service, Mr. Mann at once returned to his home, and on the 21st of September of the same year was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Stansell, daughter of George Stansell. Her father was born in Palmyra, New York, in 1798, and died on the 10th of September, 1855; fourteen years later his wife passed away. Their family numbered nine children, of whom Mrs. Mann is the sixth in order of birth. She was born October 1, 1841, and by her marriage has two children,—Arthur C. Mann, born August 14, 1870; and Jasper D. Mann, born February 5, 1876. They also reared an orphan girl, Miss Daisy P. Cochran, born August 20, 1875, daughter of Thomas and Emma Cochran.

As a means of livelihood, Mr. Mann has always followed farming and is now the

owner of 150 acres of valuable land in Harlem township. His place is neat and thrifty in appearance and the improvements found thereon stand as monuments to the enterprise and progressive spirit of the owner. Between the time of his marriage and his removal to the farm, Mr. Mann made his home in Centerville.

He takes quite an active interest in civic societies, holding membership with Galena Lodge, No. 404, I. O. O. F.; Center Village Lodge, No. 645, K. P.; and Charles Slack Post, No. 59, G. A. R., of Galena, Ohio. He with his entire family holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political views Mr. Mann is a Republican, and for about seven years has held the office of Township Trustee. He is also a member of the Board of Education and was president of the Delaware County Agricultural Society two years, and also director three years. He was elected County Commissioner in November, 1888, and was re-elected in November, 1891, and was appointed to fill a vacancy of nine months as County Commissioner in 1895. The best interests of the community find in him a friend and he is the same loyal citizen to-day as he was when shouldering the musket. He went to the defense of the Union and followed the old flag until it once more waved over the united nation.

WILLIAM S. CARYL, one of the well-known farmers of Allen township, Union county, Ohio, and an honored veteran of the late civil war, was born January 30, 1848, in Union county, Ohio, the son of Asa and Esther (Cook) Caryl, the former of whom was a native of the old Keystone State, and the latter of Massachusetts. Asa Caryl was a man of ability and marked force of character, and was a prominent figure in the crucial days before the late war, when he stood forth as an uncompromising Abolitionist, and was fearless in his zealous devotion to the down-trodden race, his home having been often a refuge for fugitive slaves on their way to Canada. His death occurred in 1883, in this county, and his widow passed away five years later.

Our subject was reared on the parental farmstead and received his education in the districts schools. Leal and loyal in the hour of his country's call for brave men and true, he enlisted, in 1864, as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being at that time only a boy of sixteen years. He served with his regiment until 1865, when he was honorably discharged, after which he returned to his home in this county.

February 22, 1877, Mr. Caryl was united in marriage to Miss Susan Clark, a woman of much intelligence and refinement, who was reared and educated in this township, her parents having been well known and honored pioneer residents of the county for many years. Caleb Clark, father of Mrs. Caryl, was a man of much prominence in this section, and was a native of the Old Dominion State, where he was born in 1813, the son of Angus Clark, whose parents were sturdy Scotch people. Angus Clark's mother was a woman of gentle character but remarkable courage and bravery. It is related of her that in time of the early war she on one occasion left the block-house, in which the women and children had been placed for refuge, and carried powder to the men, having placed the ammunition in a tablecloth and thus effected its transfer to the

scene of action. Angus Clark married Elizabeth Green, daughter of a prominent merchant of Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia), and in 1826 they came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating near the line between that and Union county, where they passed the residue of their days. They had nine children, namely; Caleb, deceased; Rebecca; Phœbe; Nehemiah G.; Catherine; Elizabeth; Stephen; Shepherd, and Sally, deceased.

Angus Clark died at the old homestead, at the age of seventy-six years, and his widow lived to attain the age of ninety-one years. Caleb was a boy of thirteen when his parents came to Ohio and he was reared to mature years on the old homestead farm, receiving his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-eight years he was united in marriage to Rachel Beltz, daughter of Henry and Susan (Fry) Beltz, both of whom were natives of the immediate vicinity of Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Soon after their marriage they moved to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, settling on a farm, where they remained until removed by death at a good old age. They had thirteen children, viz: Adam, Eve, Henry, Elizabeth, Catherine, Fredric, Philip, Andrew, Susan, Rachel, Daniel, Samuel and Isaac. All lived to be grown but one. In later years, Mr. Beltz erected a gristmill,—as good a mill as was built in his day.

After his marriage Caleb Clark settled in the woods of Allen township, this county, where he built a log cabin and where, in the course of time, he developed a fine farm, being successful in his efforts and acquiring thereby a competence before his death, at the age of fifty-six years. His widow died at the age of sixty-four. They became the parents of nine children, as follows: Angus; Susan, wife of our subject; Lester; Ellen, deceased wife of U. D. Ream; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; Angeline, who died at the age of twenty; Henry; Caleb, who resides on the old home farm; James P., and an infant, deceased.

William and Susan Caryl have had three children, namely: May, who died at the age of three months; Effie, born August 24, 1879; and William Henry, born July 6, 1882.

Our subject and his estimable wife have three good farms, comprising a total of 337 acres, of which 198 acres were inherited by Mrs. Caryl from her father's estate. They have two modern and attractive houses, each of which was erected at a cost of $2,500, and one of which was built by Mrs. Caryl's sister, Mrs. Ream, before her death.

Mr. Caryl is a stanch Republican, and fraternally is a member of John Bring Post, No. 96, G. A. R., of North Lewisburg, and of King Lodge, No. 546, I. O. O. F., of North Lewisburg, Ohio. He has served as trustee of Allen township for six years and has been a member of Union county Agricultural Society for four years.

He and his wife are devoted members of the United Brethren Church, in which our subject holds official preferment as trustee.

FRANKLIN M. CURL, a farmer of Cardington township, was born in Marion county, Ohio, August 16, 1853, the second son of H. W. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Curl. He was reared in his native place until twelve years of age, when he came with his parents to Cardington township and attended the district schools. At the age of eighteen years he began work at the carpenter's trade, fol-

lowing the same for five years. After his marriage he spent five years in Canaan township, and then located on the old Curl homestead, consisting of 140 acres. In addition to general farming, he makes a specialty of thoroughbred Shropshire sheep. In his political relations Mr. Curl affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Trustee of Canaan township three years, and the same length of time as Trustee of Cardington township. He has passed all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also allied with the Royal Arcanum. He is one of the leading members of the Friends' Church, in which he has served as Sunday-school superintendent for many years.

Mr. Curl was married March 7, 1876, to Ermina Bay, born in Canaan township, Morrow county, October 9, 1857. Her father, Harrison Bay, was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, October 11, 1812, a son of Colonel Robert Bay, of Irish descent, a soldier in the war of 1812, and an early pioneer of Guernsey county, Ohio. Mrs. Curl's mother, Miranda J. (Moore) Bay, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, March 29, 1818, a daughter of Joseph Moore, a native of Pennsylvania, but a pioneer of Muskingum county, Ohio, and of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bay were married in Muskingum county, October 24, 1844, and located at Cumberland, Guernsey county, remaining there seven years. They then came to Canaan township, Morrow county. His death occurred August 5, 1861, and his wife departed this life November 24, 1873. Harrison Bay and wife had four children, namely: Hugh P., born in 1845, died February 23, 1854; Robert, born November 7, 1855, died in infancy; Ermina, wife of our subject; and Maggie T., born July 6, 1861, is the wife of H. L. Bending, and resides on the old homestead in Canaan township. Mrs. Curl was four years of age when her father died. She received her education in the district schools of Canaan township. Mr. and Mrs. Curl have two children: Alma Blanche and Henry Harrison.

JAMES FULTON, a retired farmer of Lincoln township, was born in Congress township, Morrow county, May 18, 1827. His father, James Fulton, was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and his father was born in Ireland. James Fulton was married in Greene county, Pennsylvania, to Margaret Stoydell, who was born and reared in that county. In 1825 they purchased 100 acres and located in Congress township, now Morrow county, and lived in a wagon until they could build a log cabin. Mr. Fulton became the owner of 420 acres, also erected a sawmill, and was one of the influential men of his locality. His death occurred in his seventieth year, and his wife departed this life at the age of sixty-one years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He was a life-long Democrat and held many township offices. James Fulton and wife had eight children, namely: John, who died on his way to California; William, deceased in that State; James, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, of Brown county, Kansas; Mary, wife of Paul Cyphers, of that State; Stephen, who resides on the old homestead in Congress township; Robert, also at home; and Isabel, deceased in infancy.

James Fulton, the third child in order of

birth, assisted on the home farm until twenty-five years of age. In 1870 he began farming for himself in Congress township, but shortly afterward came to his present home. He is the founder of the village of Fulton. At the time of the building of the T. & O. C. Railroad, Mr. Fulton solicited the company many times for a station here. They finally agreed to locate it if he would raise $1,000. He took it upon himself to circulate a subscription paper, himself heading the list with $50, which he placed in the bank at Mount Gilead. Every man then went and paid his full subscription without solicitation. The place was first called Lincoln Station, but was afterward named Fulton, in honor of our subject.

Mr. Fulton was married April 22, 1852, to Sarah J. Hathaway, born in what was then Knox county, November 14, 1832. Her father, Benjamin Hathaway, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, but came to Knox county when a young man. His father, Richard Hathaway, was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania. The mother of Mrs. Fulton, Melissa (Strong) Fulton, was a native of Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Oliver and Esther Strong, who came from Vermont. Mrs. Fulton, the fifth of eight children in her father's family, was reared in Franklin township, Morrow county. Our subject and wife have one son, William H., who married Minnie McConica, and resides on the old farm in Lincoln township. They have three children,—Margaret Nellie, James and Sarah Glenn. The eldest child of our subject, Melissa M., died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are members of the Baptist Church, in which the former has served as Deacon for many years. He is a member of the Masonic order at Mount Gilead, and has been a life-long Democrat.

W. E. WIGHT, D. V. S. — The science of veterinary surgery, with its several concomitant branches, has made prodigious strides within the past decade, and has gained to its disciples a professional rank of noteworthy order. A representative exponent of this profession in the city of Delaware, Ohio, is he whose name initiates this review,—one who has devoted time and study to preparing himself for the work in hand, and who has gained a distinctive prestige by reason of his scientific acquirements and his executive capability in the treatment of the diseases of that noble animal, the horse.

Dr. Wight is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in the city of Toledo, September 6, 1858, the son of Theodore and Mary (Nichols) Wight, the former of whom is now deceased.

Our subject was reared to farm life, and received his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending a normal school. Soon after leaving school he determined to prepare himself for the practice of veterinary surgery, and, with this end in view, he devoted himself to study in the line, then to practice, and finally entered the celebrated Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Canada, where he completed the prescribed course and graduated March 29, 1883. Within the following month he came to Delaware, Ohio, and here has since been established in the practice of his profession, having gained a representative supporting patronage, and having devoted the

major portion of his time to this work. It is worthy of note that he has established a hospital for the care of horses, and here the animals receive the best of attention and treatment, their disorders being looked to with as much discrimination as is often accorded to human beings, the Doctor having a general supervision, and being thorough and proficient in his professional diagnosis, treatment and surgical work.

March 26, 1894, in company with Mr. C. Rose, he effected the purchase of the flour, feed and salt business of Baker & Jones, and the firm now conduct a more extensive business in that line than any similar concern in the city. The Doctor devoted special attention to the breeding of horses of standard and thorough-bred stock and has a farm for that purpose in the vicinity of the city.

His marriage was consummated in Delaware, November 17, 1887, when he was united to Miss Fannie Chamberlain, daughter of Henry W. Chamberlain. They have three children: Allen, Mary, and Theodore. The family home is located at No. 65, North Franklin street.

Fraternally our subject affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of both lodge and encampment.

AARON BENEDICT, of Peru township, Morrow county, is a son of William Benedict, who was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, in 1776. He was a son of Aaron and Phœbe (Knowles) Benedict, also natives of that State. Three Benedict brothers came from England to America, two having lolated in Connecticut, and the other was lost trace of. Aaron Benedict was the first person buried in the Friends' Cemetery in Peru township, Morrow county. William Benedict was married in New York, to Alse Hoag, a native of Grand Isle, in Lake Champlain, and a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Hoag, an old and prominent family in New York. Mr. Benedict and wife moved to Ohio in 1812, locating in what was then Brown township, Delaware county, but its name was changed to Bennington township, and still later became Peru township, Morrow county. One of his brothers, Cyrus Benedict, came to this State in 1810, and his nearest neighbor was at Sunbury, Delaware county, ten miles distant. He located on land which now belongs to Reuben Gardner. William Benedict located here with a number of other families. He first built a little log hovel, but later a hewed-log house, located near a spring, took its place, and he afterward erected the frame dwelling which is now the home of our subject. He cleared and improved his place, and was a famous hunter in his day. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict had six children, viz.: Daniel; Phœbe Barber; Elizabeth, deceased; Aaron, the subject of this sketck; Sarah Gray, deceased, and Annie Hyde, a resident of Oregon. The parents were members of the Friends' Church, in which the father served as an Elder. He was an honest, upright man, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was greatly opposed to slavery.

Aaron Benedict, our subject, was born on the farm where he now resides, January 21, 1817. During his youth he saw many Indians, and on one occasion a papoose, tied to a piece of bark, and set down by a tree near his residence. In 1861 Mr. Benedict began the cultivation of Italian bees, having followed that occupation ever since,

and is the best posted man on that question in Central Ohio. He has shipped them to all points, and was the first to introduce Italian bees in the Sandwich Islands. He also published a work on Bee Culture several years ago. Mr. Benedict has now practically retired from the business. He is at present engaged in the wild turkey culture, and has shipped to California, Canada, Maine, New York, Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

In 1846 our subject was united in marriage with Caroline Dague, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of John and Jane Dague. To this union were born nine children, six now living: Adessa, wife of Albert Stewart, of Michigan; Mamie Kniffen, now of Bucyrus, Ohio; Direxie, wife of Charles Wood, of Peru township; Lester, of Hancock county, Ohio; William, a resident of Michigan; and Frederick, of Bucyrus, married Dollie Kniffen. Mrs. Benedict departed this life in 1866. Three years afterward our subject married Louisa Meeker, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Davis Meeker, an early pioneer of Morrow county. They have one son, Preston H., who married Mary Osborn, and has one child. They reside at home. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict are members of the Friends' Church. Mr. Benedict has always taken an active interest in educational matters, and has served as a School Director. He has resided on his present farm for seventy-seven years. In political matters he is a stanch Prohibitionist.

MAJOR CYRUS BARTON ADAMS, of Delaware, was born in Darbyville, Pickaway county, Ohio, July 4, 1861, and was named for his maternal grandfather, Cyrus Barton. His father at that time was in the Methodist ministry. The Adams family is of English origin, and was founded in America at a very early day by ancestors who settled in Virginia. The Major's grandfather emigrated to Kentucky about 1800, and about 1815 removed to Madison county, Ohio, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that community. The maternal ancestors of Major Adams were among the first settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York, whither they emigrated from Holland. Later they removed to Eastern Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Adams was born and lived until her marriage in 1860.

In 1865 the family became residents of Delaware, where the father embarked in the dry-goods business. Later he became a dealer in crockery and queen's-ware. Here, in 1867, Barton entered the public schools, which he attended until in 1878, when he became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he remained for three years. He was then employed in the book store of Prof. T. C. O'Kane for one year, after which he went to the Northwest in 1882, and engaged in mercantile and railroad business in Minnesota and Dakota for three years. In the fall of 1885 he returned to Delaware, and was employed by the railroad company in the freight and passenger departments until appointed Deputy County Treasurer in 1888, by N. P. Ferguson, who was then serving as County Treasurer. He served in that capacity through Mr. Ferguson's last term and was then re-appointed by that gentleman's successor, Captain Cole. After the Captain's death, which occurred October 8, 1893, he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of eleven months, and in August, 1893, was nominated by acclamation at the Republican county conven-

tion. The Democrats put up no opposing candidate and in November of that year he was elected.

Mr. Adams has always taken great interest in military matters, and enlisted as a private of Company K, Fourteenth Regiment of Ohio National Guards, when that company was mustered into service February 13, 1879. He was afterward made Corporal and Sergeant, and was honorably discharged October 12, 1882. He re-enlisted October 6, 1885, was made First Lieutenant on the 8th of December of the same year, and promoted to the Captaincy May 23, 1887. He commanded the company for six years, during which time it became recognized as one of the best military organizations in Ohio. He was elected Major April 5, 1893, and appointed to command the Third Battalion of the Fourteenth Infantry, in which position he is now serving.

Major Adams was married October 24, 1889, to Miss Winifred Sheldon, only daughter of the late Captain H. G. Sheldon, a well-known attorney of Delaware. They now have a little daughter three years old. The Major is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Delaware Chapter, No. 54, R. A. M.; and of Lenape Lodge, No. 29, K. of P., and the Delaware Division of the Uniformed Rank, of which he was Captain two years. He also belongs to the Williams Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and is serving on the official board of that society.

HENRY CLARK, a farmer of Kingston township, was born in Delaware county, on the 13th of February, 1838, and is a representative of one of its honored pioneer families. For more than half a century he has witnessed its growth and progress, and has aided in its development and advancement. Progressive and public-spirited, he is deeply interested in everything pertaining to its welfare, and is numbered among its valued citizens.

Mr. Clark's parents were Moses and Elizabeth (Fancher) Clark, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of this county. Moses Clark first married Elizabeth King, and to them were born two sons and a daughter,—David, Elijah and Susanna. In 1837 he wedded Miss Fancher, and they became the parents of four sons and three daughters, namely: Henry; Isaac and Myers, both of whom reside in Morrow county, Ohio; Smith, who is living in Delaware county; Rebecca, who makes her home with Henry; Hannah, wife of George Crist, of Clark county, Iowa; and Nancy, wife of Isaac Snyder, of Santa Clara county, California. The family were Methodists, and were people of prominence in this community. Moses Clark followed farming throughout his entire life. On locating in Harlem township he purchased the farm now owned by C. B. Paul, then a densely wooded tract of land upon which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. He then cleared and fenced it and successfully operated it until his death. Its boundaries he also extended until it comprised 300 acres of rich land. He also owned land in Porter township. He died in December, 1856, and was buried on Christmas day. The mother of our subject was called to the home beyond in 1862.

Henry Clark was reared to manhood on his father's farm and upon his father's death the management of the business affairs devolved upon him, as he was the eldest

child. In connection with his brother Isaac he then purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead and for ten years they operated the farm in partnership. On the expiration of that period they divided up the farm they had bought and he is now sole proprietor of a valuable tract of 175 acres which yields to him a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon it. All the improvements were placed thereon by him and stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Clark was in her maidenhood Miss Susie Finley, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Terrell) Finley, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of New Jersey. The father was a farmer, and in 1814 came to Delaware county where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. His wife, who was born in 1807, also died in the year 1886. They were both earnest Christian people and active workers in the Presbyterian Church, in which they held membership. Their children were: Mrs. Clark; Joseph T. and Martha, both deceased; Mary E., wife of William Strain, a resident of Nebraska; and David A., who is living in Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one child, a daughter, Edna May, who was born on the 1st of May, 1883, and is the life of her parents' home. They, too, hold membership with the Presbyterian Church, and are highly respected citizens of the community. Mr. Clark exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party and has served as Trustee and School Director. He is true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and his life is one well worthy of emulation.

BENJAMIN FLEMING, a farmer of Lincoln township, was born in Peru township, then Delaware county, December 19, 1820. His father, Isaac Fleming, was born in Pennsylvania, April 17, 1794, a son of Henry Fleming, who was supposed to have been born in that State. He came to Delaware county, Ohio, in an early day, settling on the banks of Alum creek, in Peru township, where he entered land, built a log cabin, and remained until his death, which occurred in his eightieth year. The mother of our subject, formerly Elizabeth Wyan, was born in Pennsylvania, May 10, 1796. Isaac Fleming and wife were married in Pennsylvania, November 7, 1816, and came to Ohio the same year, locating on Alum creek, Peru township, Delaware county, but a short time afterward located three miles below, on the same creek. Mr. Fleming died there at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife departed this life at the age of seventy-four years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a Democrat in his political views. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Sarah A., born in 1818, died in 1846; Benjamin, the subject of this sketch; James, born in 1824, resides in Peru township, Morrow county; Washington, born in 1827, died in 1893; Lydia, born March 27, 1829, deceased; Nelson, born in 1832, lives near Eden, Delaware county; and Sidney, born in 1848, resides on the old homestead in Oxford township, this county. The children were all born on the banks of Alum creek.

Benjamin Fleming, the second child in order of birth, remained at home until his marriage, after which he spent eight years on a farm in Peru township, and then came to his present location. He settled in the

dense woods, built a log cabin, and improved his land. He now owns 208 acres of land, nearly all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. In his political views, Mr. Fleming was formerly a Democrat, but now casts his vote with the Prohibitionists.

December 25, 1843, he was united in marriage with Hannah A. Worth, born in Maryland, April 13, 1825. Her father, James Worth, was born in that State in December, 1790, and was a miller by trade. Her mother, *née* Mary Thatcher, was born in Pennsylvania, September 28, 1791, her father, Jonathan Thatcher, having been a native of the same State, and she was reared a Quaker. James Worth and wife were married in Maryland, March 15, 1815, and came to what is now Morrow county, Ohio, in 1837, spending the remainder of their days in Peru township. The father died in 1845, and the mother in 1861. They were the parents of six children: John W., born in 1815, resides in the West; Joseph M., born in 1817, is deceased; Mary Jane, born in 1821, is the wife of Vinal Thurston, of Peru township; Hannah A., born April 13, 1825, now Mrs. Fleming; and William, born March 26, 1827, resides in Peru township. Our subject and wife have seven children. The eldest, Talitha Jane, is the wife of Henry Wyan, of Lincoln township, and they have two children,—Benjamin A. and Nellie. Judson A., of Peru township, married Elizabeth Jewell, and they have two children,—Cora and Lorance. Joseph, the third child in order of birth, is deceased. Otterbin L., of Cardington, married Hannah Warner, and has five children,—Binnie, Glenn, Coral, John and Bessie. Lorenzo D. married Letta Mason, and they have three children,—Gertie, Walter and Herbert. Justin C. married Sadie Shoemaker, and has two children,—Gavitt and Mame. Mary E. is the wife of Grant Rosevelt. Their three children are: Inez, Walter, and an infant. The family are members of the United Brethren Church.

ASA R. SMART, a prominent farmer of Mill Creek township, Union county, Ohio, first saw the light of day in a log cabin in this township, May 4, 1844. He is a son of John S. Smart, one of the early pioneers of the county, now eighty-four years of age and a resident of Marysville. John S. Smart was born in Franklin county, Ohio, where he resided until 1819, at that time coming to Mill Creek township and settling on a farm. He married Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of Asa Robinson, one of the early settlers of the county. They made their home on the old farm in Mill Creek township until 1881, when they removed to Marysville. Of their eleven children, eight are still living, viz.: Catherine Jane, Joseph T., Oliver Perry, Asa R., Isaac, Semantha, Susan S. and Etta. John H., William and Margaret Ann are deceased.

Asa R. was reared to farm life and received only a common school education. When he was twenty-four years of age he married and settled in Concord township, Delaware county, Ohio, where he remained three years, after which he removed to Mill Creek township, near Watkins, Union county. Here he has 135 acres of fine farming land, all well improved and under a high state of cultivation. His modern and commodious residence was built in 1893, at a cost of $2,000, and he also has a large barn, 42 x 62 feet, built on a rock foundation, the whole premises having an air of thrift and

prosperity. The old log house, however, still stands and is a reminder of the pioneer days and happy times gone by.

Mr. Smart was married November 8, 1868, to Laura A. Edson, a native of Geauga county, Ohio, and a daughter of Levi and Maria (Makepeace) Edson, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Geauga county, Ohio. Her parents are deceased. In their family were five children: Louisa, Mary, Laura A., Lyman and Lydia. Mr. and Mrs. Smart have four children: Minnie Belle, Ashton V., Mabel and Maud.

Mr. Smart was reared a Presbyterian and is a member of that church and an Elder in the same. Mrs. Smart was brought up in a Wesleyan Methodist family. Politically Mr. Smart was formerly a Democrat, but of recent years has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He takes a deep interest in temperance work and also in religious and educational matters; has served as a member of the School Board. In short, any movement which has for its object the best interests of the community is sure to find in him a hearty supporter.

A. H. SHAW, a farmer of Westfield township, is a son of John Shaw, born in Pennsylvania, July 6, 1797. He was the youngest son of John Shaw, Sr., who came to Morrow county, Ohio, in 1808, locating on the farm now owned by our subject. At that time he was the only resident of the county. John Shaw, Jr., married Parmelia Messenger, who was born in Connecticut, April 10, 1807, and was a school teacher in Delaware county. Mr. Shaw cleared and improved his farm, and in 1834 built the present brick residence. In addition to general farming he also worked at the cabinet maker's trade. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. In political matters he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He served as Justice of the Peace and Clerk of his township, and was an active worker in every enterprise for the development of his county. His death occurred June 6, 1860, and his wife survived until 1864. John Shaw and wife had the following children: Melvina Parmelia, deceased, was the wife of Clinton S. Peck; Chlœ Jane is the wife of Jesse Shaw, of Westfield township, and she was formerly married to John Pringle, now deceased; Elizabeth Lucretia, deceased; Henry John, deceased, married Caroline Lewis; Beulah Ann, wife of William Brenizer, of Cardington; Mary Martha, deceased, was the wife of John Clymer; and A. H., the subject of this sketch.

A. H. Shaw was born in his present residence, October 14, 1840, on the day William Henry Harrison was made President of the United States, and his father was Clerk of elections at the time. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Minerva Maxwell, a sister of Johnson Maxwell, whose sketch appears in this work. Her death occurred in December, 1861. In 1863 Mr. Shaw married Martha J. Waltermire, who died January 7, 1874. They had five children. The eldest, Clarence F., born February 5, 1864, married Coral Sloan, and resides on the home farm; they have one child, Leman. Maggie Parmelia, born June 14, 1865, is the wife of Florence Reed, and resides in Van Wert county, Ohio; their three children are Ethel, Bertha and Ivy. Melvina Estella, born December 12, 1866, married Rolvin Maxwell, and has four children,—Vesta

May, Harrison J., Nellie R., and Maggie B. Valura Belle was born January 20, 1868; and Bryant Clay was born November 25, 1872. Mr. Shaw was married the third time, July 15, 1875, to Margaretta Martin, who was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, January 2, 1848, a daughter of B. U. and Mary (Hannah) Martin. The father now resides in the village of Westfield. Mrs. Shaw taught school one term before her marriage.

Mr. Shaw now owns a fine farm of 245 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. He affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Trustee of Westfield township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are members and active workers in the United Brethren Church, and the latter is a teacher in the Sunday-school.

J. B. McCLOUD, who resides on a farm near Marysville, Ohio, is a native of Union county and one of its enterprising citizens. He was born in Union township, on his father's farm, July 24, 1855, and is a son of James McCloud, deceased, who was for many years a prominent resident of this county. James McCloud was born in Delaware county, Ohio, son of John McCloud, a descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestry; was reared and educated in Union county, married Mrs. Malinda (Converse) Bigelow, widow of A. R. Bigelow. He was in the army, where he lost his health. He was a successful farmer, served as a Justice of the Peace, and was a man of great usefulness in his community, taking an active part in church and lodge work. He was a Methodist and served for a number of years as Sabbath-school Superintendent. A charter member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., at Milford Centre, he passed all its chairs and was a member for twenty years. His widow is now a resident of Milford Centre. Of her children we record that she had two by her first husband,—A. R. Bigelow, Jr., and a daughter, the latter deceased. By Mr. McCloud she had five children, namely: Jerry B., the subject of this sketch; Nina R., wife of G. F. Morse, Garnett, Kansas; the next born were twins, one of which died in infancy, the other, Mamie M., now being the wife of L. H. Elliott, of Union township, this county; and Etta, who died at the age of two years.

J. B. McCloud spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools and at Delaware. When he was twenty-three years of age he went to Anderson county, Kansas, where he settled on a tract of wild land and developed a farm, remaining there six years. At the end of that time he sold out and returned to Ohio, and the following six years he spent on the home farm. Then for two years he was at Milford Centre, employed as a photographer, after which he purchased the farm on which he now resides, 100 acres formerly known as the Joe Powers farm. On this place are good farm buildings, fences, etc., and every thing conveniently arranged for successful farming. In addition to his agricultural pursuits, Mr. McCloud also does considerable business in photography, making a specialty of outside work, groups and rural views.

Mr. McCloud was married November 24, 1875, to Miss Lavinia Brobeck, daughter of Joseph and Chloe Brobeck, now in Kansas. Mrs. McCloud was a teacher before her marriage. They have had seven children,

of whom four are living: Frank, Ethel, Nina and Lena. The others, Ney, Willie and Earl, died in early childhood, the last two dying of membranous croup and within a week of each other.

Mr. McCloud is a Republican and an Odd Fellow. He is a member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., of Milford Centre and Marysville Encampment, No. 114, in which he has passed all the chairs. Mrs. McCloud is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JUDGE W. D. MATHEWS, a farmer of section 31, Gilead township, is a son of William Mathews, born in Wyandot county, Ohio, in 1817. His father, Isaac Mathews, was a native of Virginia, and a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject, formerly Rebecca Marlow, was also born in Virginia, a daughter of Jeremiah Marlow, an early settler of Richland county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. William Mathews were married in Richland county, three miles west of Mansfield, and located on an unimproved farm in Hardin county. Isaac Mathews entered a large tract of land in that county, with the intention of giving each of his sons a farm of eighty acres. William Mathews improved his place, and remained there until the failing of his wife's health made it necessary for them to change their residence, and they removed to near Mansfield, again settling on his grandfather's old farm. He afterward purchased land two and a half miles north of Lexington, remaining there until 1865, when he sold that place and purchased a farm in Troy township, Morrow county. His death occurred in 1871. His widow lived with her children until her death in 1883. William Mathews and wife had two children,—Martha J., wife of A. Whissemore, of Mansfield, and they have two children; and W. D., the subject of this sketch. The parents were members and active workers in the Presbyterian Church, both grandfathers having been Elders in that church. William Mathews was first a Whig, and afterward a Republican.

Judge W. D. Mathews was born in a log cabin located in a cornfield in Richland county, Ohio, three miles east of Mansfield, September 6, 1844. He completed the studies in the district school, and then attended Lexington Seminary, under Professor Gailey. During that time the war broke out, and in June, 1862, Mr. Mathews became a member of Company B, Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was under General Miles at the battle and surrender of Harper's Ferry, was captured, paroled, and returned home. In 1863 he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as Sergeant, assisted in the capture of John Morgan in Ohio, assisted in the capture of Cumberland Gap, and garrisoned it until the expiration of his term of service. In 1864 Mr. Mathews helped recruit a company in Richland county, and was mustered into service as First Lieutenant of Company G, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He did guard duty at Tullahoma, Tennessee, up to the time of the battles of Franklin and Nashville. They then moved to Murfreesboro, where they had almost daily skirmishes with Forest's men in order to secure corn for rations. While at Tullahoma Mr. Mathews was detailed on a general court martial, and when the regiment

was ordered to Murfreesboro he went to General Rosseau and asked to be relieved, in order to join his regiment. The General refused, but the court temporarily adjourned, and Mr. Mathews served with his company through all their engagements. The regiment was next ordered to Clifton, Tennessee, and the General disbanded the court, but not in time for our subject to join his command, but, traveling by water, he met it at Clifton.

After rejoining his regiment he went with them to Washington, District of Columbia, passing through Ohio in freight cars during the cold winter of 1864–5. They camped on the ice at that city, a part of the time without shelter. They were ordered to join Schofield in North Carolina, arriving at Fort Fisher immediately after the surrender of that place. Returning to Beaufort, North Carolina, they became a part of the Twenty-third Army Corps, which joined Sherman at Goldsborough, North Carolina, and participated in the battle of Kingston. Mr. Mathews had charge of a part of the skirmishers the night before the battle, March 7, 1865. He remained on picket duty all night and was relieved the next morning. The little squad under command of our subject opened fire on the advancing rebels; the other troops joining, the battle became general. The regiment, after the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston, did garrison duty at Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Mathews was discharged July 8, 1865. He was then transferred to a regiment which was to remain in the service. An order was sent to the Colonel to grade his officers into three classes, also to ascertain which of them desired to remain in the service. Two out of nine were selected, and Mr. Mathews was one of the former, the other being Lieutenant W. P. Shrome, who is now a Presbyterian minister near Zanesville, Ohio. He was ordered to report to the One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after due consideration he was mustered out with the regiment.

Returning home, he again attended the seminary, after which he taught school three terms, and then began farming in Troy township. He next began the study of law. Mr. Mathews is a stanch Republican, having always taken an active part in the work of his party. In 1878 he was elected Probate Judge of Morrow county, serving in that capacity six years. In his first race he was two votes behind the State ticket, but his own townships, although both Democratic, gave him 150 majority over his opponent. His last majority was 600 votes. The Judge was nominated for the Legislature in 1886, but was defeated by reason of a dissension in the party as to whom his vote should be cast for for United States Senator. He was appointed by Governor Steele of Oklahoma as County Judge of Beaver county, in that Territory, and held that position six months, after which he was re-elected by the people, resigning in 1892. The Judge then practiced law there until May, 1893. While serving as County Judge he received a telegram from Governor Steele, stating that he had recommended our subject for appointment as United States Marshal of Oklahoma Territory, General Sherman having endorsed the recommendation, but Mr. Mathews requested the Governor to withdraw his name. He had contracted asthma while in the military service, and at the expiration of his two terms as Probate Judge of Morrow county change of climate became absolutely necessary, and he accordingly spent eighteen months in Colorado.

He then returned to Ohio, and afterward to Oklahoma.

Judge Mathews was married in 1867 to Miss Marietta C. Dean, a native of Washington township, Richland county, Ohio, and who was a schoolmate of her husband at the seminary. She is a daughter of Benjamin F. Dean, a farmer by occupation, and also an active politician. Mr. Mathews and wife have eight living children: Gertrude D., Grace A,, Lora R., Mary Edith, Lucy D., William D., Edwin M. and Herbert D. They have one daughter deceased, a bright little child named Anna, who died at the age of eighteen months with croup. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. The Judge is a member of the Grand Army Post, and was its first Commander.

EDWIN M. CONKLIN, a farmer of Westfield township, was born on the farm where he now resides, September 6, 1835. His father, Jacob Conklin, was born in Grand Isle county, Vermont, June 10, 1787, a son of Abram Conklin. The latter married Anna Hilliker when she was only sixteen years of age, and immediately afterward he went into the Revolutionary war. She had three brothers in the war, and on the return home the friends and neighbors gathered to have a joyful celebration, and Mr. Conklin was introduced to his wife, but she had changed so greatly during his absence that for some time he did not recognize her, much to the enjoyment of all their friends present. The celebration was held at the hotel in Grand Isle, and Abram Conklin afterward purchased the place, the father of our subject having been born there. He was the second son of ten children, five sons and five daughters. Three brothers, John, Abram and Jacob, came to Ohio. Abram came from Vermont to Delaware county on foot in 1817. He reared a large family of children, some of whom are still living in that county. John engaged in merchandising at Cleveland, and while on his way to New York for goods was waylaid and robbed. James located in Morrow county. Another brother, Jerry, moved to Illinois, where he reared a large family, and died there.

Jacob Conklin, father of our subject, came on foot from Vermont to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1813. He joined the Light Horse Cavalry, under Captain Murray, and served under General McArthur in the war of 1812. While a soldier he frequently went without food for three days, and suffered many other severe privations. Mustered out of service at Chillicothe, Ohio, he located in Liberty township, Delaware county, near where the paper mill now stands, south of the city of Delaware. April 3, 1821, he removed to the farm where our subject now resides. Mr. Conklin cut logs and built a cabin, blankets having been used for doors and windows, and remained here until his death, March 12, 1875. He was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. For seventy-two years he was a membea of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his home having been the first place where religious meetings were held in the neighborhood. He frequently attended quarterly meetings in a log house at Columbus. Having no money, he worked one week with his ox team to assist in building the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Delaware.

September 17, 1818, Mr. Conklin was united in marriage with Orra Payne, who was born in New Hartford, Litchfield coun-

ty, Connecticut, July 6, 1798, a daughter of Ezra Payne, born in that State September 17, 1765. He came to Liberty township, Delaware county, Ohio, in 1817. His wife, formerly Amy Mattison, was born November 26, 1769, and they had thirteen children, namely: Amy, Ezra, Austin, Anson, Betsey, Orra, Alvah, Phebe, Hiram, Edmond, Elvira, Miles and William. Two of the sons were soldiers in the war of 1812. Mrs. Conklin died October 20, 1880, having been a hard working woman all her life, having spun and wove and made the clothes worn by her family. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin had seven children: Clarissa, the only daughter, was born in Liberty township; she first married E. White, and their three children are all now deceased: after his death she became the wife of Forester Armstrong and they had three sons, two yet living, Philemon and Mathew; Lyman B., deceased at the age of twenty-one years; Ezra M., of Waldo township, Marion county, Ohio; William A., deceased; Philemon J. died April 13, 1879; Dr. Abram V., residing in Delaware county, Ohio; and Edwin N.

Edwin N. Conklin, the youngest in the above family, and the subject of this sketch, has remained on the home farm since his birth. He owns 100 acres of fine farming land. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and in 1892 was elected Justice of the Peace, his commission having been signed by Governor McKinley. He has also served as Township Trustee two years, as member and president of the School Board the same length of time, and has held other minor offices. Mr. Conklin was the first to take hold of the Grange movement in this locality, and was the first delegate to the State Grange at Xenia, Ohio, in 1874. He organized the lodges in Cardington, Lincoln, Harmony, Canaan, Johnsville, Peru and Marengo townships. He also served as Master of the Farmers' Alliance, and attended the State Alliance at Galion, Ohio, in 1891. Mr. Conklin is prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having served as Deputy Grand Master of this district for six years, was a Representative in the Grand Lodge for two years, 1874-5, passed all the chairs in both branches, joined the encampment at Delaware, and was a charter member both at Cardington and Ashley. He was also a charter member of Myrtle Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, at Westfield. He was made a Free and Accepted Mason at old Hiram Lodge, Delaware, Ohio, in 1868 and was a charter member of Ashley Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Ashley, Ohio.

October 15, 1872, our subject was united in marriage with Charlotte Shoemaker, who was born September 19, 1844, a daughter of Jacob Shoemaker, of Westfield township. Their son, Edwin Jacob, born July 1, 1874, is now living in Galion, Ohio. The wife and mother departed this life January 12, 1876. February 11, 1880, Mr. Conklin married Martha Van Brimmer, born in Napoleon, Indiana, May 15, 1846, a daughter of Jacob and Almira (Birch) Van Brimmer. She was the youngest of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have had three children: Ason, born October 19, 1880, died November 5, 1880; a daughter, born March 9, 1883, died March 18, 1883; Virgil Lavan, born October 9, 1885. Mr. Conklin has kept a diary of where he has been and what he has done, every day for over twenty-five years, and has kept a thermometrical record of the weather for the same length of time, making three observations a day,—at 6 A. M., 12 M. and 8 P. M.

He has also kept a cash account for over twenty-five years, noting every cent he has received and every cent paid out and what for.

SHELTON & FORD is the name of one of the well-known mercantile firms of Broadway. Under this style, business has been conducted since September, 1890, at which time the present firm succeeded to the business of Shelton Brothers, who established the store in January, 1888. They carry a full line of dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, clothing, groceries, hardware and farm implements. The firm is composed of C. D. Shelton and L. C. Ford, who are numbered among the leading business men of Union county. In 1892, in company with P. V. Burson, they began dealing in baled hay and straw, of which they now handle a large amount, having built up an extensive business. They have secured suitable barns and storage room, and the combined mercantile and hay and straw sales amount to $45,000 annually. In the store alone the sales reach $20,000 annually. In 1888 C. D. and J. E. Shelton bought out the mercantile establishment of J. W. Smith, and began business with a small stock. They borrowed the money for the purchase, but within a year the indebtedness was paid off and a large and constantly increasing trade was secured. The success has continued with the establishment, and Shelton & Ford are now among the leading merchants of Broadway.

Mr. Shelton, the senior member, was born in Bourneville, Ross county, Ohio, October 2, 1859, and is a son of W. T. and Jane A. (Flora) Shelton, the former a native of Pike county, and the latter of Ross county, Ohio. They were, however, descended from old families of Kentucky and Virginia respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For a time they resided in Fayette county, Ohio, and in April, 1876, they came to Broadway, where the father's death occurred on the 17th of January, 1888, at the age of forty-four years. The mother is still living in Broadway. Their family numbered ten children, eight of whom are yet living, namely: Charles D.; John E., a furniture dealer and undertaker of this place; Hannah, wife of D. J. Sanderson, a resident farmer of Union county; Mary F., wife of Frank Stevens, an agriculturist of Champaign county, Ohio; Grant T., who is living in Broadway; Jennie; William T., and Bert J., all of whom are yet at home.

Charles D. Shelton spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He entered upon his business career in the winter of 1880, as a salesman in the general mercantile store owned by J. J. Watts, of Broadway. That gentleman was his employer during the four succeeding years, and when Mr. Watts sold out to Fisher & Son, he continued with the new firm for one year, then moved to Marysville, but after six months came to Broadway, where our subject has since carried on business.

On the 7th of April, 1885, Mr. Shelton led to the marriage altar Miss Freelove Bault, a native of Union county, and a daughter of John and Susan Bault. They now have two daughters, Clara and Flora.

When twenty-two years of age, Mr. Shelton was elected Township Treasurer, a position which he held for two years. He was then called to the office of Township Clerk and is still serving in that capacity in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He is one of the founders of the first Methodist Episcopal Church erected at Broadway and is very prominent in religious work. At this writing he is serving as Trustee of the church and Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and the cause of Christianity finds in him an able supporter. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows' society. He is a charter member of the lodge in Broadway, belongs to Richwood Encampment, No. 185, in which he has filled all the offices, and for two years he has served as District Deputy Grand Master. In his political views he is a Republican. Mr. Shelton is emphatically one of the most progressive young business men of Union county, and in the history of this community he well deserves representation.

JOHN L. BOERGER.—There is no one nation that has contributed to the complex composite make-up of our American social fabric an element of more sterling worth and of greater value in supporting and fostering our national institutions than has Germany. From this source our republic has had nothing to lose and much to gain. Germany has given us men of sturdy integrity, indomitable perseverence, higher intelligence and much business sagacity,—the result being the incorporation of a strong and strength-giving fiber ramifying through warp and woof.

A man who may well look with pride upon his German-American origin is the subject of this review, who has long been identified with the mercantile life of Marysville, Ohio, and who stands conspicuous as one of the most active, enterprising and successful of her business men. Mr. Boerger is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born at Galion, Crawford county, September 19, 1858. His parents, both of whom are now deceased, were John L. and Mary (Denderline) Boerger, both being born in Bavaria, Germany, where they were reared. The father came to America when sixteen years of age and located in Columbus, this State, where he met and ultimately married Miss Mary Denderline, whose residence in America dated from her seventeenth year. They continued their residence in the city of Columbus for but a brief time after the consummation of their marriage, soon removing to Galion, where the father engaged quite extensively in the manufacturing of brick, the family continuing to reside there for several years, after which they removed to Union county, locating in Darby township, where the father purchased a farm, known as the Alex Robinson farm, and conducted the same successfully for a time, after which he exchanged the place for a fine farm located four miles east of Marysville. This continued to be his home for the remainder of his life, his demise occurring May 4, 1893, at which time he had attained the age of sixty-six years; the devoted wife and mother had preceded her husband into eternal rest, her death having occurred May 23, 1891, her age being sixty-five years. The father was distinctively a self-made man, was industrious, honorable in all his dealings, self-reliant and ever instinct with human sympathies,—

a man who gained and held the appreciative esteem of all. As indicative of the strides he made toward the goal of substantial success, we may recall the fact that when he first began operations upon his own responsibility he worked for a time for the diminutive stipend of sixteen cents per diem. He lived, however, to find his position assured as one of the prosperous and influential residents of Union county. He and his wife were active and devoted members of the German Lutheran Church.

They had a family of seven children, concerning whom we are enabled to offer brief record as follows: Mary, deceased; Maggie, wife of L. C. Conrad, of this county; John K., a prosperous farmer in the State of Missouri; George A., who is also engaged in farming in Missouri; John L., subject of this review: John M., who resides on the old homestead, four miles east of Maryville; Elizabeth, wife of George Vanderan, a resident of Salisbury, Missouri.

The career of our subject has been marked by no events of extraordinary order, and yet it has shown a record of accomplishment which can but redound to his honor and credit, and which has eventuated in a pronounced success gained by personal effort and exemplifying what is possible of doing when one's ambitious desires are sufficiently potential to beget practical endeavors along the line where the desideratum may be realized. Having passed his boyhood days on the parental farm, he was enabled to secure excellent educational advantages in a preliminary way, attending the district and parochial schools until he had attained the age of sixteen years, when he matriculated at the Capital University, in Columbus, where he took a partial course, subsequently entering the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland, Ohio, where he completed a thorough business course.

In the fall of 1878 he came to Marysville and secured a position as bookkeeper for F. H. & W. Otte, clothiers, with whom he remained one year, after which he entered the employ of S. Stern & Son, who were engaged in the same line of enterprise in this city. He held a position as salesman with this firm until February 1, 1886, when he effected a purchase of the stock and business and commenced operations upon his own account. At the time this transfer was made the stock was given an inventory valuation of $10,000, and this very considerable representation has since been augmented until the capitalistic investment now reaches an aggregate of fully three times the amount named. By careful methods, keen business discernment and alert spirit of enterprise Mr. Boerger has brought the business to a point of maximum importance in point of trade controlled and extent of stock carried. The headquarters of this representative enterprise are located at the Fountain Corner of the public square, and the entire building of three stories is devoted to the accommodation of the business,—the aggregate floor space utilized being nearly 5,000 square feet. This is the most extensive industry of the sort in the county, and the stock is one of the largest and most admirably selected in this section of the State, including a full assortment of clothing, hats, caps and men's furnishings, and offering a wide range for selection. The credit for having attained a position at the head of so magnificent an enterprise is due alone to our subject's personal efforts and ability and he may well hold in high estimation his marked success.

Mr. Beorger is a stanch Republican and has taken an active interest in the conduct of local political affairs, having held preferment as Trustee and Corporation Clerk.

June 2, 1886, was consummated our subject's marriage to Miss Ollie, daughter of Waterman Hill, a prominent resident of Milford Centre, this county. They are the parents of two interesting children, namely: L. Fawn and Ralph W. Mr. and Mrs. Boerger are members of the Marysville Presbyterian Church, in whose work they take an active interest. The pleasant family home is located on East Eighth street. As a member of the business circles of Marysville and in social relations as well Mr. Boerger occupies a high position in the esteem of the community.

WINGET HARRAMAN, who follows farming in Jackson township, Union county, served his country during the late war as a member of the Union army, and has ever been a loyal and valued citizen. The record of his life is as follows: He was born in Bowling Green, Marion county, Ohio, on the 3rd of February, 1843, and is a son of David Harraman. His father was a native of Virginia, and was a farmer by occupation. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and his death occurred in the year in which the civil war war broke out. In his political views he was a Democrat, and in religious belief was a Baptist. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Clemens.

Mr. Harraman, of this sketch, was reared on the old homestead farm in Marion county, and received such educational privileges as the common schools of the neighborhood afforded. He aided in the cultivation and improvement of the old farm until 1861, in which year he started Westward, locating in Iowa. In 1862, however, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting for three years' service. He was assigned to Company C, of the Fortieth Iowa Infantry, went at once to the front, and with his regiment took part in some of the leading engagements of the war, including the battles of Pulaski and Yazoo City, the siege and capture of Vicksburg, the battles of Helena and Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Red river expedition. When the war was over and the country no longer needed his services, he was honorably discharged in Davenport, Iowa. His brother, Jesse Harraman, was also a soldier. He enlisted in the spring of 1863, in the Fourth Regiment, Company C, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in the battle of the Wilderness. He was born in Marion county, Ohio, and was but sixteen years of age when he enlisted.

During the year succeeding his discharge Mr. Harraman continued in the Hawkeye State, but in 1866 returned to his native county, where he remained until 1868. He then came to Union county, where for twenty-six years he has now made his home. Here he owns a good farm comprising 151 acres of arable land, under a high state of cultivation and well improved. He devotes the greater part of his attention to the raising of small grains and has won prosperity by his good management and careful attention to all business details.

An important event in the life of Mr. Harraman occurred in 1867, when at the age of twenty-four years he was united in marriage with Miss Martha J. Baldwin, daughter of Henry and Edith (Parmenter) Bald-

win, born and reared in Union county, Ohio. The father was born in Madison county, Ohio, and became one of the prominent pioneer settlers of Union county.

Seven children graced the union of our subject and his wife, of whom five are yet living, namely: William H., John, Alma Florence, Leroy and Carrie. Those now deceased are Jesse and Naomi. Mr. Harraman exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, but has never sought or desired office, prefering to give his time and attention to his business cares. He belongs to the Odd Fellows' society and to the Grand Army of the Republic, and is the same loyal citizen as in days of yore when he donned the blue and went to the defense of the Union, following the old flag until it was placed in triumph in the capital of the Confederacy.

HON. E. F. POPPLETON is one of the most prominent representatives of the legal profession in Delaware county, and is also one of the leading men of the State, influential both in professional and political circles. His name is therefore inseparably connected with the history of his adopted county, and this work would be incomplete without the record of his life. He claims Ohio as the State of his nativity, for his birth occurred in Richland county on the 29th of September, 1834. His father, Samuel Poppleton, comes of Revolutionary stock, his father and three uncles having fought for the independence of the colonies all through the war. He was born in Vermont, July 2, 1793, and in the usual manner of farmer lads was reared to manhood. He made the most of his school privileges in early life and thereby acquired a fair English education. In his younger years he united with the Methodist Church, was a regularly ordained minister of that denomination and often preached, and was an earnest worker in the cause of Christianity. At the age of nineteen he enlisted in the war of 1812, in which he served until its close, when shortly after, he removed to New York.

In the Empire State, Samuel Poppleton was united in marriage, October 10, 1818, with Parthenia Steinbeck, and then emigrated to Ohio, locating in Knox county, on Dry creek, taking up his abode with Daniel S. Norton, doing farm work for about four years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Richland county, Ohio, where he made his first purchase of land, developing therefrom a good farm which he placed under a high state of cultivation. In 1839 or 1840, he embarked in merchandising in company with F. W. Strong, his son-in-law, in Mansfield, Ohio, and was connected with the commercial interests of that city during the succeeding twenty-five years, after which he removed to Delaware for the purpose of giving his children better educational privileges; and Delaware was the place of his residence until called to the home beyond, on the 23d of September, 1864. By his first marriage Mr. Poppleton had a family of four children,—Roena F., Samuel D., Mary E. and Andrew J., all now deceased. The mother of this family died October 18, 1826, and on the 3rd of February, 1828, Mr. Poppleton was again married, his second union being with Julia A. Smith, who was born February 1, 1808, in Canada, but is descended from New York ancestry. She is still living, her home being now in Cleveland, Ohio. The children of the second marriage are Emery E., who

resides in Cleveland and is secretary of the Cleveland & Mahoning Railroad Company; Parthenia P., deceased wife of Judge Stevenson Burke; Damaris A., deceased wife of Judge George B. Lake, Chief Justice of the Supreme Bench of the State of Nebraska; Early F., of this sketch; Houston H., an attorney at law of Cleveland and for twenty years attorney of the Big Four Railroad Company; Zada C., deceased wife of Colonel Thomas H. Linnell.

E. F. Poppleton began his education in the district schools, where he became familiar with the three R's,—"'readin', ritin' and 'rithmetic." At the age of twelve he entered the Wilcox High School, at Belleville, Ohio, at which place the family were living, although the father was engaged in business at Mansfield, Ohio, and to that place our subject frequently went to assist his father in the store. In 1852 he further continued his literary education, becoming a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he remained until 1855, when he went to Elyria, Ohio, and took up the study of law in the office of Judge Burke, his brother-in-law. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1858, and formed a partnership with his former preceptor, the connection continuing for about a year, when Mr. Poppleton came to Delaware to look after the affairs of his father, who was then in poor health. In the spring of 1861 he opened a law office and here embarked in the prosecution of his chosen profession, which he has followed continuously since, except when officially employed.

Turning from the public to the private life of Mr. Poppleton, we note that on the 1st of September, 1859, he led to the marriage altar Miss Adeline Chase, and by their union were born four children,—Franklin Chase; Edmund Burke, Parthenia Adeline aud George E. The mother departed this life in July, 1868, and on the 24th of November, 1875, Mr. Poppleton was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary R. Miller, daughter of Martin Miller, of Delaware. They have two children, both sons, William Miller and Earley Samuel.

Perhaps Mr. Poppleton is best known to the people at large through his official life. He has served for six years as a member of the City Council of Delaware, most of the time as President of the body, during which time the water-works were built, the electric lights put in and the electric railway built, and these works, so beneficial to the city, were secured largely through the earnest and untiring efforts of Mr. Poppleton, who has always manifested an active and commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of this community. In 1870 he was elected to the Ohio State Senate from the Sixteenth Ohio Senatorial District, comprising Licking and Delaware counties, and in 1874 he was elected to Congress from the Ninth Congressional District, comprising the counties of Marion, Morrow, Hardin, Union, Delaware and Knox. Though one of the youngest members of the House he was placed on several very important committees, including the committee on elections; also served as a member of the committee on public buildings, and was made chairman of the subcommittee on the investigation of the post-office building of New York city. As a lawyer before the bar, Mr. Poppleton is earnest and eloquent, possessed of keen perceptive power and quick to grasp the salient points in his opponent's arguments, and therefore has won success in his chosen profession. In the Legislature and in Con-

gress he ably represented his constituents, laboring for their best interests, and his votes were always cast after mature deliberation. He is a pleasant, genial man, very popular with all classes, and his fidelity to duty and his conscientious fulfillment of all trusts reposed in him, have made him one of the most esteemed and honored citizens of his adopted county.

TULLIUS CLINTON O'KANE.—Among all the popular gospel and Sunday-school song writers of our times no one is more widely known or holds a higher place in the affections of the Christian world than T. C. O'Kane. He was among the very first to strike out with more freedom in his melodies and rhythms and introduce the style of songs that have since taken such a hold upon the people, and that have been the great moving power in religious revivals and great religious convocations.

The first name of a musical author that ever attracted my attention was that of T. C. O'Kane. When I was a pupil of the public schools of Cincinnati, Ohio, at about the age of fourteen, there was a song in our music book that was the general favorite of the school. We would always call for it when given an opportunity and we would sing it lustily. It was entitled "Ever to the Right, Boys," or something like that, and had a movement like his "Over There." We boys were at that time making our first attempts at singing bass, and we felt that we were doing great things. The song suited our tastes exactly. In the chorus the bass would come in on after notes to the words to the right, to the right, etc., with a march movement that would stir up all the enthusiam there was in us. We wished that Mr. O'Kane had written more songs for the book. Since having grown up I have had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with this honored musical author and have found him to be in every way as great as our boyish imaginings had pictured him.

He was born in 1830 in a small village of Fairfield county, Ohio, some sixteen miles southeast of Columbus. He resided with his parents in this vicinity until the spring of 1849, when he went to Delaware, Ohio, and entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated with great honor in 1852.

Immediately upon his graduation he was tendered a position in the faculty as tutor of mathematics, which he accepted and successfully filled for five years. The students always called him "Professor," by which title he is known to the present day. His musical abilities were early recognized in the university, and for years he was the musical director in the daily chapel devotions. He organized and maintained a choral society in the college, and was the first musical instructor in the Ohio Wesleyan Female College, which a few years ago was incorporated into the university.

In 1857 he was elected to the principalship in the Cincinnati public schools, and served in that capacity until 1864, when he resigned his position to accept a place in the piano establishment of Philip Philips & Co. He remained with this house until its removal to New York city in 1867, when, although urged to be transferred with the house to that city, he preferred to remove with his family back to Delaware, Ohio, where he now resides. For the ensuing six years he traveled over the State of Ohio as general agent for the Smith American Organ

Company, of Boston, Massachusetts. During this time he visited conferences and Sunday-school conventions, both State and county, introducing his Sunday-school singing books, and in this way became well known throughout his native State and quite extensively in some of the adjoining States.

In 1873 he went into the book and stationery business, in Delaware, Ohio, which is still engrossing his attention. His musical compositions were first published in Philip Philips's Musical Leaves, in 1865, and since then but few Sunday-school singing books have appeared without one or more of his compositions. His first singing book, Fresh Leaves, was issued in 1868. This was followed by Dew Drops, in 1870; by Songs for Worship, in 1873; by Every Sabbath, in 1874; by Jasper and Gold, in 1877; by Redeemer's Praise, in 1881; by Glorious Things, in 1886; by Morning Star, in 1890. In connection with J. R. Sweeney and Chaplain McCabe he issued in 1878 Joy to the World, a singing book for prayer meetings, and the same editors, with the addition of W. J. Kirkpatrick, compiled Songs of Redeeming Love, in 1882, and No. 2 in 1887. In 1883 he issued Songs of Praises, for evangelistic purposes, the sales of which amounted to several hundred thousand copies. In connection with his son, Edward T. O'Kane, who is himself a most excellent composer and a very skillful organist, in 1882 he compiled Selected Anthems, a book designed for use by the more advanced choirs.

With Mr. O'Kane music and musical composition have ever been a recreation rather than a profession. He is an excellent leader of choirs, but his forte seems to be in leading large congregations, Sunday-schools and social religious meetings in sacred songs. He sings with "the spirit and with the understanding," also with a due appreciation of both words and music, and very naturally infuses his enthusiasm into his audience, so that they cannot keep from singing. In his music he endeavors to catch the spirit of the hymn, and then give it expression in the music he composes for it. This sometimes seems to have been almost an inspiration and could be illustrated by a reference to the circumstances under which many of his compositions have been made. One of his earlier and more widely known pieces is that entitled "Over There." He says he cut this hymn out of some newspaper and put it with others in his portfolio, intending sometime when he felt like it to give it a musical setting. One Sunday afternoon, after studying his lesson for the next session of his Sunday-school, he opened his portfolio, and, turning over his selections, found these words, and something seemed to say "Now is your time." He sat down to the organ, studied the hymn intently for a few moments, and then as his fingers touched the keys of the instrument melody and harmony were in every movement, and when the stanza was ended melody and harmony found expression in the chorus and "Over There" was finished.

Another of his well-known songs is "Sweeping Through the Gates." One cold blustering day he had occasion to go from his residence to the railroad depot, about a mile distant, and in his route had to cross the river on a suspension foot bridge. As he came down the bridge he thought of the "River of Death," so cold with no bridge, and then the words of the dying Cookman came to his mind and he exclaimed to himself "Who, who are these beside the chilly

wave?" Words, melody and refrain seemed to come all at once and altogether, so that by the time he had arrived at his home the composition was complete.

Mr. O'Kane is a deeply religious man. His greatest joy comes from the consciousness that his music has cheered and comforted the hearts of Christian people all over the world and has been the means of winning thousands from the pleasures of the world to the higher enjoyments of the Christian religion. He cherishes a large file of personal letters that have been received during past years testifying to the blessing his songs have been to the souls of others. He is a genial, modest Christian gentleman who carries sunshine wherever he goes, and although he has passed the milestone of his life numbering three-score, yet he seems as fresh and vigorous as ever, and we may confidently expect many years yet of valuable service in the realm of sacred song.

The above was taken from the December number, of 1891, of the Musical Messenger, published at Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Fillmore Bros., who, being well acquainted with the subject, wrote and published the article.

In 1843 he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has since been a constant and active member, and for forty years of this time has been a worker in the Sabbath-school, being Superintendent of the same most of the time.

Mr. O'Kane was married in Delaware, in June, 1853, to Miss Laura A. Eaton, daughter of Hon. James and Elizabeth (Caulkins) Eaton. They had been residents of the county for many years, and she was born and reared here. Mr. and Mrs. O'Kane have had four sons, namely: Charley C., a promising young man who died in his twenty-second year; an infant son, deceased; Edward T., manager of the Philips Optical Company, at Delaware, Ohio, is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and is a fine organist and composer, skilled in all branches of music; and William Eaton, the youngest, who was for years associated with his father in business and who is now manager of the retail department in the Methodist Book Concern, in Chicago.

James O'Kane, the honored father of this noted man, was born in Virginia in 1805, and in the Old Dominion spent his youthful days. When about twenty he came to Fairfield county, Ohio. His parents were Scotch-Irish and were both born in the north of Ireland. In Fairfield county James O'Kane was engaged in the mercantile business until 1838, when he moved to Franklin county, ten miles east of Columbus, continuing there the same occupation, and from that place, in 1849, he removed to Columbus, where he was in business for fifteen years. His next and last removal was to Licking county, Ohio, and his death occurred in 1869, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife was *née* Julia Williams. She was a native of northern New York, born in 1810. They were married in 1829, and her death occurred in 1860. Of their nine children five reached maturity and four are still living, T. C. being the first born.

A list of the books which Mr. O'Kane has published has already been given, with, however, the exception of the latest work with which he has been connected. In 1893 J. R. Sweeney, W. J. Kirkpatrick and Mr. O'Kane issued Unfading Treasures, which is now being largely circulated.

D. H. LINCOLN, Clerk of the Courts, Mount Gilead, Ohio, is a native of Grant county, Wisconsin, born April 28, 1855.

Thomas Lincoln, his father, is a son of Azariah Lincoln, they being near relatives of the distinguished Abraham Lincoln. Thomas Lincoln was one of the pioneer farmers of Wisconsin. About 1849 he crossed the plains to California, making the long and tedious journey on foot. For eighteen months he worked in the gold mines of California, and at the end of that time returned home via the isthmus of Panama and New York city, bringing with him $1,000 and joining his family in Wisconsin. In 1862 he moved to Boscobel, Wisconsin, and engaged in the hotel business, which he continued for a year and a half. About this time he traded his farm in Wisconsin for one in Congress township, Morrow county, Ohio, to which he moved in 1863. In the fall of that same year he traded this farm of 100 acres for one of 135 acres in Franklin township, and from that time until 1880 made his home on it. In 1880 he again traded, this time for a farm in Gilead township, where he resided until 1889, when he retired from active life and moved to a home he had bought on Cherry street in Mount Gilead. Here he passed away in June, 1890. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Steward in the same, and was honored and respected for his many sterling traits of character. Politically he is a Republican.

Of our subject's mother, we record that her maiden name was Rachel Kay, and that she was born in Ohio and reared near Luddingville, this State. She is still living and is a resident of Mount Gilead. Her father, William Kay, was one of the pioneers of Ohio. Mrs. Lincoln is the mother of seven children: three sons and four daughters, namely: Judge A. W., a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, was a teacher for several years, was admitted to the bar in 1887, and is now Probate Judge of Greene county, Missouri; Joel K., engaged in farming in Morrow county; and D. H., the subject of this sketch, the youngest son and fifth born. Of the daughters, Mary E. is the widow of Thomas Coles; Sarah A. is the wife of Lee Dakan, a farmer of Harrison county, Iowa; L. Augusta is the wife of John Hull, of Morrow county, Ohio; and Belle is the wife of J. C. Lerch, of Pulaski, this county.

D. L. Lincoln was eight years old when he removed with his parents from Boscobel, Wisconsin, to Morrow county, Ohio. He attended the district schools and also the union school at Mount Gilead, and at the age of seventeen began teaching. For sixteen years he followed the profession of teaching and all that time was in Congress township. May 22, 1888, he moved to Mount Gilead and engaged in the livery business, in which, however, he continued only a short time, selling out in February of the following year. April 23, 1889, he was appointed to a position in the railway mail service between Cleveland and Cincinnati, on the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, by President Harrison. This position he resigned July 20, 1894, in order to accept the office he now holds, that of Clerk of the Courts. In 1891 he received special mention from the Superintendent of Railway Mail Service, and at the close of his service was the recipient of a letter of commendation from that official.

In 1887 Mr. Lincoln made the canvass

for the office of Clerk of Courts, the opposing candidates being J. E. McCracken, Thomas Riddle, John Bunker and a Mr. Lyon. After a spirited contest of fifteen ballots, J. E. McCracken was nominated. Mr. Lincoln lacked only three votes of securing the nomination. In 1893 he was again candidate for the same office and was nominated on the first ballot, and at the ensuing election he received a majority of 730 votes. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 169, and Encampment No. 69, and he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. Lincoln was married in 1877 to Miss Silva Vanatta, a native of Morrow county, Ohio. They have two children, Beryl, born in 1878, and Annie, in 1880.

J. W. S. PUGH, Deputy United States Marshal, resides on a farm in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio. He is one of the representative men of this county, is well known and highly respected, and it is appropriate that some personal mention be made of him in this work. A sketch of his life is as follows:

J. W. S. Pugh was born in Canaan township, Morrow county, Ohio, December 15, 1858. His grandfather, Jesse Pugh, a native of Wales, emigrated to America when a young man and located in Pennsylvania, where he took claim to a tract of Government land. Subsequently he came to Ohio and entered land in Fairfield county, being among the earliest settlers of that place, and from there he afterward removed to Morrow county. In Walnut township, Fairfield county, December 17, 1818, his son James, the father of our subject, was born, and there he spent his boyhood days, coming with his father to Morrow county. He married Elizabeth W. Stinchcomb, who was born in Thorn township, Perry county, Ohio, May 16, 1825. Her grandfather, George Stinchcomb, came from England to this country at an early day and settled at Baltimore, Maryland, from whence he afterward removed to Pennsylvania, where he passed his last days and died. His son George, Mrs. Pugh's father, was born in Pennsylvania, and came from there to Perry county, Ohio. James Pugh and his wife were married in Perry county and soon afterward located on a farm in Canaan township, Morrow county, where he was engaged in general farming until 1867, when he moved to Gilead township. He died in the sixty-sixth year of his age, after an active and useful life. Politically he was a Republican. During the war he served for two terms, six years, as Commissioner of Morrow county. He was Township Trustee and Land Appraiser of Gilead township in 1870. In religion he was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as also is his wife, who is still living, now a resident of Edison, Ohio, and in the seventieth year of her age. They had ten children, six sons and four daughters, the eldest dying in infancy. Of the others, we record that Henrietta L. is the wife of H. C. Bennett, of Cardington township, this county; George H., a prominent physician, is a resident of Thornville, Perry county, Ohio; Margaret A. is the wife of Alvin Essing, of Canton, Ohio; J. W. S. is the subject of this article; Jesse H. is a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Elmer is deceased; John C. resides in Columbus, Ohio; Sarah E. is deceased; and Benjamin F. lives at Columbus.

J. W. S. Pugh was eight years of age at the time his parents moved to Gilead

township. He had good educational advantages, attending the district schools and later the Union School at Mount Gilead, where he graduated in 1881, in a class of thirteen. Soon after his graduation he became an employe of the O. C. R. R., with which company he remained four months. Then he settled down to farming and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his present farm ever since.

He was married September 23, 1886, to Carrie Belle McCracken, who was born in Chesterville, Morrow county, May 6, 1862, daughter of William W. and Mary (Green) McCracken. She, too, was educated at Union School and was a member of the same class in which her husband graduated. They have one child, Mary Caroline, born in 1890.

Politically Mr. Pugh is a Republican. He was appointed United States Deputy Marshal under Harrison's administration, in 1889, and still fills the office most efficiently. He has also served as Township Trustee and Township Collector. Fraternally Mr. Pugh is identified with the Masonic Lodge, No. 206, of Mount Gilead, and Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

A. L. BANKER, Probate Judge, Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Peru township, this county, October 29, 1860, and, although comparatively a young man, has attained prominence.

Judge Banker is of German descent, and traces his ancestry back to the early settlers of New York State. His father, William Banker, a native of New York and a carpenter by trade, came to Morrow county, Ohio, in 1850, and located in Peru township, on a farm. Subsequently he went West, and died in Kansas. He married in Ohio, Miss Elizabeth James, a native of Virginia, who came with her parents to Peru township, this county, when she was eight years of age, and they had two children, a daughter and a son, the elder, Dora, being deceased. Mrs. Banker is still living, and makes her home with her son. She is of English descent.

A. L. Banker received his early education in the district schools of Lincoln township, and then for one term was a student at Cardington. When he was sixteen he began teaching, securing a position in Oxford township, Delaware county, where he taught two terms, following that with four terms in Lincoln township, this county. Afterward he taught at Westfield, Eden and other district schools. In the meantime he kept up his studies, took a high-school course at Cardington, and a classical course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, graduating in the latter institution in 1886. In the spring of 1886 he was elected Superintendent of the Cardington schools, which position he filled most acceptably until 1891. For four years he was also County Examiner. In 1891 he engaged in the clothing and furniture business at Cardington, which he sold after conducting the same for a year and four months. About this time he became a candidate for the office of Probate Judge, was nominated and duly elected, and is now serving in this position. He has always been a Republican.

In 1889 Judge Banker married Miss Clara Kreis, a native of Cardington, daughter of Hon. George Kreis, and they have had two children,—Helen E. and Ruth V. The former died at the age of three years.

Socially the Judge is identified with the Masonic order, having taken the Royal Arch degrees. Thus in social, political and educational circles he is well known, and is justly entitled to the high esteem in which he is held.

WILLIAM PATTAN, deceased, was the first settler of Liberty township, Delaware county, Ohio, and was the progenitor of a large and highly respected family of this State.

He was born, reared and married in Maryland, the lady of his choice being Mary Harden, and after their marriage they came west to Ohio, and settled on a large tract of land where Marietta now stands. There he made a clearing in the forest and resided for some years, and in 1804 removed from that place to what is now Liberty township, Delaware county, then a trackless wilderness. Here he cut down the trees and built a log cabin, and soon he and his wife and their little family of five children were comfortably established in their pioneer home, far removed from any other habitation. And here he lived until his family were all grown and married, after which he distributed a portion of his property among his children and sold the rest. He then bought property at Prospect, Ohio, where he spent the residue of his life and died. He was eminently a successful man. During the war of 1812 he served as Captain, and did faithful service for his country. An enthusiastic Methodist, and an exhorter in the church, he exemplified in his own life the truths which he tried to impress upon others. His family was composed of the following members: Thomas, who removed to Marion county, Ohio, and engaged in farming; Richard, a merchant of Marion county; Sally, wife of Oran Powers; William, a farmer of Marion county; Isaac, who remained in Liberty township, Delaware county, and further mention of whom is given below; Oran, a banker of Marion county; Lorenzo, a farmer of Marion county; Ruth, who died in early life; Milton, M. D., of Larue, Ohio; and Maria, widow of Thomas Berry, a merchant of Marion county. All the sons grew up to be successful men and honored and useful citizens.

Isaac, the fifth of the family, was born in Marietta, Ohio, in 1801, and died in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1893. He spent his whole life on the farm upon which his father had settled, devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits, and being successful in his operations. He assisted in making the shingles which covered the first building erected in the city of Delaware. In his religious views he followed in the footsteps of his honored father, and was one of the first members of the Williams Street Methodist Church of Delaware. Politically he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. His first Presidential vote was cast for William Henry Harrison, and his last for Benjamin Harrison. His wife, whose maiden name was Ariel Eaton, was born in Vermont in 1803, and died in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1872. They had six children, viz.: William, a farmer of Liberty township, Delaware county; Levi, who died in infancy; Millard, deceased; Luvia, wife of John Gardner, of Delaware; Stephen, who occupies the old home farm in Liberty township; and Mary, deceased.

Of Mrs. Isaac Pattan, we further record that she was of English descent, and that her father, Levi Eaton, was a soldier in the

Revolutionary war. He came with his family to Franklin county, Ohio, at an early day and settled on a farm, where he met with prosperity and where he spent the rest of his life and died. His children were Fannie, Levi, Lavernie, Philanda, Stephen, Ariel, Ruth and Phœbe. Mrs. Pattan was a woman of deep piety and high intellectual attainments. She was for a number of years a teacher in the Worthington Female Seminary of Ohio.

As above noted, two sons and one daughter are the only survivors of the family of Isaac Pattan. This daughter, Luvia, in 1866 became the wife of John Gardner, a highly respected citizen of Delaware county, who was for years an active minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, continuing in the work until failing health compelled him to retire. He was born in New Jersey in 1821, son of Moses and Seba (Dickinson) Gardner, and came to Delaware county, Ohio, with his parents when he was ten or twelve years old. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner lived on a farm prior to 1881, but since that time have made their home in Delaware, now living with their only child, Ariel, widow of Christian E. Graff. They occupy a beautiful residence at No. 25 West Central Avenue. Mr. Graff was one of the promising young business men of Delaware, and his untimely death occurred in 1891. Mrs. Graff has one child, George Edward.

Such, in brief, is a sketch of this pioneer of pioneers and his posterity.

SILAS D. WOLFLEY, dealer in hides and furs, Delaware, Ohio, was born in Delaware county, this State, March 6, 1846, son of John and Hattie (Allen) Wolfley. He received his education in Delaware, and when he was fifteen years old began to learn the trade of tanner in his father's tannery. This was during the civil war, and, young as he was, he felt it his duty to enter the Union ranks, which he did May 2, 1864, at the age of seventeen. He enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out August 24, 1864, at Camp Chase. Re-enlisting February 3, 1865, he served until September 18, 1865, when he was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, as Corporal. His first service was near Washington and the latter part of his army career was in Tennessee and Georgia. The war over, he returned to his home in Delaware and resumed work at his trade, with which he has been connected up to the present time. He has been at the head of the hide and leather firm of S. D. Wolfley since its establishment, having the entire supervision of the business. At the present he confines his operations to the handling of hides and furs. Mr. Wolfley has also dealt considerably in real estate in this city and county and also at Bowling Green, Ohio.

He was married in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 13, 1867, to Maggie Allen, daughter of Lyman P. and Eliza Allen. They have had two children, viz.: Clara, deceased wife of Dr. W. N. Leonard, of Delaware; and Mary, wife of Frank Huff, also of this city.

The family are members of Williams Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Wolfley has been identified for over thirty years. He is also an Odd Fellow and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of the George B. Torrence Post, No. 60. His political affiliations are with the Republican party.

J. E. RODGERS, the well-known Recorder of Delaware county, who makes his home in the city of Delaware, has the honor of being a native of this locality, his birth having occurred in Scioto township on the 4th of October, 1862, and in that township he has spent nearly his entire life, coming to the city only when called here by his official duties. He is an only son of Ezekiel and Mary (Dodds) Rodgers, both now deceased, the mother having passed away at the age of twenty-three years, while the father died in the fifty-ninth year of his age. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, held membership with Tanners Post, G. A. R., and was a highly respected citizen, whose sterling worth won for him many warm friends. The Rodgers family was established in Delaware in 1830, and the Dodds family in 1813, and its members were therefore numbered among the pioneer settlers of this locality.

No event of special importance occurred during the childhood and youth of our subject, who was reared to manhood under the parental roof in the usual manner of farmer lads. After he had attained to years of maturity he was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Tuller, the wedding being celebrated in 1885, and by their union have been born three children, namely: Imel B., LeRoy and Clarence.

When the grandparents of our subject came to Delaware county, they located land and developed a farm which is now the property of J. E. Rodgers, and he continued its cultivation with good success until November, 1893, when he was nominated and elected to the office of County Recorder. He then came to the city, and has since devoted his time to the discharge of his official duties, administering the affairs of the position in a very acceptable manner. His long residence in this county has made him widely known, and his well-spent life has gained him high regard.

A. M. GARDNER, proprietor of a tile factory and sawmill at New California, Union county, Ohio, is one of the enterprising young men of the town.

This factory and mill plant was built in 1886 by his father, F. M. Gardner, and is one of the most complete establishments of its kind to be found. The sheds are 170 x 30 feet, the engine is a 30-horse power, and the capacity of the kiln is 1,300 rods of 3-inch tile. Six men are here employed, Mr. Gardner has a local market for all his product and does an annual business of $2,500. He has worked at this business for a number of years, thoroughly understands its every detail, and is meeting with merited success.

A. M. Gardner was born in 1872, and comes from a worthy ancestry. His father, F. M. Gardner was born in Athens county, Ohio, in 1847, son of Obadiah Gardner and grandson of Captain Gardner, a sea captain of Gardner, Maine. The Gardners are of Scotch origin. Obadiah Gardner's wife, *née* Maria Vincent, was a daughter of Captain John Vincent, her father also being a sea captain. F. M. Gardner married Maria Rettenhouse, daughter of Thomas Rettenhouse, and a lady of culture and refinement. She died in November, 1877, leaving three sons and one daughter, viz.: Albert M., Harry, Laura, and Lester.

Albert M. is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, affiliates with the Prohibition party, and is a young man of the

highest integrity of character. His frank and genial manner make him a favorite with his many friends. It is too soon on his journey of life to attempt a sketch of his career, for much of it, we trust, is before him.

SAMUEL HOFFMIRE, a retired farmer of Lincoln township, Morrow county, was born in Knox county, Ohio, March 24, 1824. His father, Isaac Hoffmire, was a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and a son of Samuel Hoffmire, also born in that State. He came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1810, locating on Owl Creek, four miles north of Fredericktown, where he entered land. He was one of the earliest settlers there, and remained there until his death. Isaac Hoffmire located on a farm a mile and a half from his father's place, where he also departed this life. He was of German descent. The mother of our subject, Margaret (Packer) Hoffmire, was a Quaker by birth. Her parents located in Richland county, Ohio, in 1810. She was a daughter of Moses Packer, and one of her brothers was a Quaker minister. She had three brothers who were Mormons, and participated in the Mormon massacre at Nauvoo, Illinois. Isaac Hoffmire and wife had eight sons, namely: Luther, deceased; Samuel, the subject of this sketch; Milton, of Fulton, Morrow county; Moses, deceased; Job, who is supposed to be a resident of Oklahoma; Thomas, who died from wounds received in the late war; James, of Colorado; and Burr, who was lost in the mountains and died there.

Samuel Hoffmire, the eldest child now living, was reared in Knox county, and received his education in the subscription schools. During those days he had to cut his regular share of wood to keep the old school-house warm, the windows of which were made of greased paper. His father purchased forty acres of land, except a small payment down, on credit, and they put in twenty acres of wheat, from the sale of which they received sufficient money to pay for the land. At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Hoffmire left home and began work by the month, receiving $10 per month, for three months, after which he worked for himself at harness-making and blacksmithing. In 1849 he came to Lincoln township, Morrow county, bought an improved farm, on credit, remaining there six years, then moved to Perry township, and then in 1858 bought an improved farm in Lincoln township, on ten years' time, and in 1865 moved where he now lives. During his residence in this county he has owned ten different farms. Mr. Hoffmire began life for himself with nothing but a three-year-old colt, and he now owns forty-three acres of well-improved land, and has given 100 acres to his children. In political matters, he votes the straight Republican ticket. He served as Trustee for many years in Lincoln township, having been first elected in 1873, and is at present Justice of the Peace.

In November, 1847, Mr. Hoffmire was united in marriage with Catherine Carr, a native of Richland county, Ohio, and a daughter of David Carr, who came to this county before the land came into the market. He located in the woods, and purchased a farm after the land became salable. Her mother was formerly Sallie Fisher. Mrs. Hoffmire was their second child, and her death occurred May, 1888, leaving three children,—Melvina, born in February, 1849, is the wife of F. M. Carpenter, of Lincoln

township; L. B., born in 1850, married Ellen Coomer; and W. T., born in 1865, married Effie DeMuth, and they reside with our subject.

GEORGE S. SINGER, Cardington, Ohio, proprietor of the Olentangy poultry yard, fruit farm and garden, and inventor, patentee and manufacturer of the Olentangy incubator and Olentangy brooder and non-freezing fountain for poultry, is a man who has in a comparatively few years established an immense business. In 1880 he began raising fancy poultry merely for a pastime, and to such an extent has this business increased on his hands that last year, 1893, he sold no less than $3,000 worth of eggs. Early in his experience in the business he felt the need of better incubator and brooder facilities than were at that time on the market, and set his inventive genius to work, the result being his Olentangy incubator and brooder, which he first placed before the public in 1890. That year, however, he sold only forty machines. In 1891 his sales reached $4,000, and then for the first time did he contemplate the manufacture of incubators as a a regular business project and took out a patent on his machines. In 1892 the business reached $12,000, and in 1893 a little in excess of $30,000. In 1890 one man did all the work, while this year, 1894, one hundred workmen are busily engaged in supplying the demand. Recently he has established a branch factory in Omaha, and from these two points in Ohio and Nebraska he ships his incubators to all parts of the United States; and he also makes shipments to Australia and other foreign countries. Mr. Singer has received no less than fifty premiums on his invention, these premiums coming from fairs held in several different States.

Having thus briefly glanced at the rapidly increasing business in which Mr. Singer is engaged, we now turn for a sketch of his life.

George S. Singer is of German and English descent, but spoke the German language. His grandfather Singer was born in England, was one of the early settlers of Maryland, and in that State reared his family. His son John, the father of George S., was born in Maryland, in Frederick county, in the year 1792; was a participant in the war of 1812, was a Democrat in politics, and long before the outbreak of the civil war he predicted that such a war was sure to come. He ran a huckster wagon, kept a country dry-goods store, and also carried on farming, and was fairly successful in his operations. He was married in Frederick county, Maryland, to Sarah Hawkensmith, a native of that place, born in 1800, she, too, being of German origin. They became the parents of five children. The first born died in infancy, and of the others we record that Charlotte A., widow of Jesse Hoover, lives on the old home place in Maryland; Mary S., wife of Thomas Rosensteel, lives in Cambria county, Pennsylvania; George S. was the fourth born; and Sarah Wilhelmina, widow of Hiram Ovelman, resides at the old home place in Maryland. The father died in 1859, and the mother survived him until 1892. Both were members of the German Reformed Church.

George S. Singer was born in Frederick county, Maryland, September 15, 1837, and was reared and educated there. In March, 1857, he came to Ohio, stopping

first at Tiffin. In 1858 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he spent one year, and during the winters of 1859, '60 and '61 was engaged in teaching school in Morrow county. Next, he began buying butter and eggs, and kept a grocery at Cardington, being thus occupied when the civil war came on. July 25, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as private, was made Corporal at muster-in and later promoted to Sergeant. This regiment was mustered in at Delaware, Ohio, and from there immediately went South, via Cincinnati, Lexington, Louisville, .Memphis and Vicksburg, and was first in battle at Yazoo Swamps. Mr. Singer was with his regiment in all the battles in which it participated until the war was over, among them being the siege of Vicksburg and the battles around that city. At Jackson, Mississippi, he was taken sick, and was sent to the hospital at Memphis. Later he spent three months as clerk in the office of the head Surgeon at that place, rejoining his regiment at New Orleans. May 29, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama, he was discharged on account of sickness, and from there returned home, arriving on the fifth of June.

After his return from the army, Mr. Singer accepted a position as clerk in the freight depot at Cardington, which he filled for five years. In 1877 he established himself in the livery business, also dealing in coal and ice. Since 1880 he has developed his present business, as above stated.

Mr. Singer was married in 1859 to Anna Maria Roach, a native of Morrow county, Ohio, born June 13, 1843, daughter of John A. and Rachel A. (Noyer) Roach. They are the parents of four children, namely: Harley S., of Cardington, married Jennie Ackerman and has two children; Van Doren C., Huntington, Indiana, married Rosie Firstenberger, and has five children; Emery M. is married and lives in Omaha, Nebraska; and Mary Ellen, wife of Joseph Kahnheimer, Cardington, has two children.

Politically Mr. Singer is a Republican, and has served as a member of the City Council of Cardington. Fraternally he is identified with the I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and has twice been through the chairs of the Encampment.

GEORGE HOLLOWAY, Raymond's, Ohio, is one of the well-to-do farmers and prominent men of Liberty township, Union county, where he has resided since 1845.

Mr. Holloway was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 21, 1827, son of Isaac Holloway, a native of Culpeper county, Virginia. Grandfather Asa Holloway was a Quaker, but notwithstanding his religion he took some part in the Revolutionary war, and drove his own team. The Holloways are of English descent. Isaac Holloway was married in Columbiana county, Ohio, to Miss Hope Garwood, a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, and a daughter of Isaiah and Mary Garwood, both of whom died in Columbiana county. This marriage resulted in the birth of five sons, namely: Charles, Eli, George, Isaiah, and William. The father was reared a Quaker, but in later life was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he was a Whig. The mother lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years.

The subject of our sketch was reared on a farm in his native county, and was edu-

cated in the public schools, remaining in Columbiana county until he was eighteen, and then coming to his present location. This part of the township was then all covered with dense forest. Here he at first bought fifty acres of land, and, after he had cleared and improved it, bought other land. He now has a fine farm of 150 acres, a comfortable residence, other good farm buildings, and is nicely situated

Mr. Holloway is a veteran of the civil war. He enlisted in 1864 in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and joined the regiment at Rossville, Georgia. At Kenesaw Mountain he received a gunshot wound in the right knee, from the effects of which he was confined in the hospital for some time, after which he was honorably discharged and returned home.

April 16, 1853, Mr. Holloway married Miss Abigail Phifer, a native of Clinton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph C. and Charity (Crihfield) Phifer, both deceased, her father dying in Union county, at the age of fifty-seven years, and her mother in Logan county, at the age of fifty-two. Both were members of the Church of Christ and were people of high standing in the community in which they lived. They had eight children,—William, John, Amelia, Mary, Abigail, Sarah, Jane, and Narcissa. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway have two sons: Clifton E., who married May Dean and has one son, Olin, living in York township, this county; and J. P., who married Lizzie Snider, and lives on the home farm.

Politically Mr. Holloway is a Republican. He has served three terms as Township Trustee and on various occasions has been a delegate to his party conventions. He is a member of the Disciple Church and a Deacon in the same. A man of the strictest integrity, honorable and upright in all the affairs of life, frank and cordial with all, he is as highly esteemed as he is well known.

HON. PHILANDER B. COLE, deceased, for many years a prominent citizen of Marysville, was born near Columbus, Ohio, son of James and Jerusha (Blakeslie) Cole, who were of Dutch and English descent respectively. James Cole was a son of Benjamin Cole, a native of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and a grandson of James Cole, who was born in Holland. The elder James Cole came to this country when a young man and settled at Wyoming, and there reared his family. Benjamin Cole removed from Wyoming to Pottstown, where it is supposed he spent the rest of his life. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was a farmer by occupation, and reared a large family. One of his sons, Benjamin, was killed in the war of 1812. James Cole, the father of Philander, was in early life a wheelwright. He was a quiet and unassuming man and was domestic in his tastes. He was twice married, our subject being the only child by his first wife. By his second wife, *née* Nancy Smith, he had a large family.

When Philander B. was five years old his parents moved to Belle Point, Delaware county, where he spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and attended the public schools. Later he went to Granville College, supporting himself while in college, and soon afterward began teaching in the district schools, which he continued for several terms. Then he began reading law in the office of William C. Lawrence, of Marys-

ville, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar when he was twenty-one years of age. Immediately afterward he opened an office and engaged in the practice of his profession, which he continued up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years. His career as a lawyer was one of eminent success, and his high intellectual attainments and popularity gained for him numerous positions of prominence and trust. Soon after he opened his law office he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, which office he filled for three terms. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature in 1850-1, and from 1864 to '66 he was in the State Senate. From 1871 to 1877 he was Common Pleas Judge; in 1884 he was Presidential Elector, and for many years he was active in political affairs,—first a Whig and later a Republican. During the civil war he was Chairman of the County Military Committee and labored hard for the good of the cause. He was a delegate to the National Convention that nominated Lincoln for President. Indeed, he was always found on the side of truth and right, and was a hearty supporter of any movement or measure he deemed for the best interest of the people. A few years before the war—from 1846 to 1850—he edited the Argus, a weekly paper published in Marysville. His whole life was characterized by earnestness in whatever he undertook; he was generous and liberal almost to a fault, and in his public service his every duty was performed with the strictest fidelity.

About 1839 Judge Cole was married to Dorothy Barden Witter, who had been his pupil in school. Her parents, David and Sarah Witter, were among the early settlers of Ohio, coming here about 1814 or '15 and settling two miles below Milford Centre in Union township, Union county, where her father purchased 1,600 acres of land. David Witter was born in Pennsylvania, son of Elijah Witter, and from his tenth year was reared in Genesee county, New York. His father, Elijah Witter, living on the frontier as he did, suffered greatly from depredations committed by the Indians and on three occasions had his house burned by them. He was appointed to look after the women and children of the settlement and to protect them in the forts during the Indian raids. On these occasions they frequently suffered from want of provisions, especially salt. His wife at one time made a trip of fifty miles on horseback to get salt, and returned in safety, having passed many Indians. In early life David Witter was a trapper and hunter and later he carried on both this business and farming. When the war of 1812 broke out he entered the service as an officer in the New York militia, and was in the battle of Queenstown. It was soon after the close of that war that he and his wife came to Ohio, as above stated. Here he carried on the stock business on an extensive scale and found a market for his droves of stock at both Philadelphia and Detroit. He also did a large real-estate business. Previous to his coming to Ohio he was elected to and served as High Constable in New York, and about 1827 he was elected Sheriff of Union county, being one of the first to hold this office here. About 1828 he erected a brick hotel in Marysville, which he conducted for some years in connection with other business operations, and few men in the county were better known than he. In 1851 he moved to Illinois. There he passed the residue of his life and died, his death occurring about 1864.

Judge Cole and his wife became the

parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, all occupying honorable and useful positions in life. The sons, all following in the footsteps of their honored father, are engaged in the practice of law, and one of the daughters is the wife of a prominent lawyer. We refer briefly to each of them as follows: Ulysses D., an officer in the civil war, at one time a member of the Indiana Legislature, and now a prominent attorney at Rushville, Indiana; James B., a graduate of the West Point Military Academy, served five years in the United States cavalry in Texas, was discharged in 1871 at his own request, came home and entered his father's law office, and since his father's death has been engaged in the practice of law alone; Cornelia, wife of C. W. Fairbanks, an attorney of Indianapolis, Indiana; Edward E., engaged in the practice of law at Columbus, Ohio; Jessie, wife of A. Y. Lowe, a traveling salesman, Marysville; and Dorothea, wife of Captain John L. Sellers, a Marysville cigar jobber.

Mrs. Cole is still living and is an honored resident of Marysville, having attained her seventy-fifth year.

H. HARLAN, a prominent attorney and enterprising and progressive business man of Mount Gilead, Ohio, dates his birth in Noble county, this State, March 22, 1851.

His father, Caleb Harlan, was born in Harford county, Maryland, August 20, 1808, and in 1841 came from there, with his wife and two children, to Ohio, locating on a farm near Quaker City. In the early part of his life he worked at the trade of cooper, but after locating in Ohio he gave his attention to farming. In 1857 he came to Morrow county and purchased and took up his abode on 160 acres of land, two miles southwest of Mount Gilead. Here he died December 4, 1864. His father, John Harlan, was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and went from there when a young man to Baltimore, Maryland. He was married in Maryland, passed his life on a farm there, and died in Harford county, that State, in 1824. His father and grandfather were each named Joseph and his great-grandfather was Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a son of George Harlan, a native of England, who came to this country with William Penn and settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he held high official position at the time Penn was Governor of Pennsylvania. George Harlan was a son of James Harlan, whose whole life was spent in England. The Harlans on down to the present generation have been identified with the Society of Friends, and the subject of our sketch has a birthright in the church.

Caleb Harlan was married in the Friends' Church in Harford county, Maryland, May 11, 1837, to Pamelia Benson, a native of that county, born February 20, 1814. She survived him a number of years, and died September 10, 1879. Her parents, Levi and Mary (Malsby) Benson, were both natives of Harford county and were married there December 12, 1806, the mother being of Welsh descent. Mrs. Harlan's grandmother Benson ran away from her home in England and came to America, on account of her father's insisting upon her marriage to an English Lord whom she did not love. The Bensons also were Quaker. Caleb Harlan and his wife were the parents of the following named children: Edward, born May 19, 1838, died June 23, 1867, from injuries received in being kicked by a horse,

and he left a widow and two daughters; Mary Jane, born November 5, 1840, died May 31, 1866, leaving a husband and two children; Lewis, born September 14, 1843, was injured in a railroad accident, and died from the effects of his injuries October 9, 1864, being unmarried; Oliver, born February 22, 1846, met his death April 19, 1878, by an accident in a steam sawmill, and is survived by his widow and one child; Phœbe A., born December 24, 1848, is the wife of Robert F. Mosher, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Morrow county, Ohio; Henry H. is the subject of this sketch, and John W., born January 5, 1854, resides at the old Harlan homestead in this county.

Henry H. Harlan was six years of age at the time his parents came to Morrow county, and on his father's farm he was reared, receiving his education in the district schools and in the Union school at Mount Gilead. While still in his 'teens he began teaching school. The close confinement of the school-room, however, did not agree with his health, so he resumed farming, and took charge of the home place, his father having passed away a few years before. Subsequently he and his younger brother purchased the interest of the other heirs to the farm, and they have since held it jointly. After his mother's death, which, as above stated, occurred in 1879, our subject attended school for one year at Delaware, after which he began the study of law under the instructions of General J. S. Jones, with whom he remained from 1880 to 1881, when he was taken sick, and temporarily dropped his studies.

In the summer of 1882 he married Martha Mosher, daughter of Nathan N. and Sarah (Bovey) Mosher. They resided on the farm until 1891, when they removed to Mount Gilead. In the meantime he completed his law studies, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. In 1890 he formed a partnership with Mr. C. H. Wood, under the firm name of Harlan & Wood, which association still continues. Mr. Harlan is prominently identified with various interests in his town and county. Besides being in partnership with his brother in the farming operations at the old home place, he is interested with his brother-in-law, Mr. R. F. Mosher, in both farming and stock raising. He is a director in the First National Bank of Mount Gilead, a director in the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, and a member of the board of managers of the Mount Gilead Dry Goods Company, Limited.

Politically he is a strong Prohibitionist, active in the interest of his party, and is the only Prohibitionist attorney in the county.

ROBERT F. MOSHER, a prominent citizen of Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Cardington, this county, September 4, 1848, son of Nathan N. and Sarah A. (Bovey) Mosher. The genealogy of the family is as follows:

Hugh Mosher, the progenitor of the family in America, was born in England in 1640 and made his first settlement in this country at Bristol, Rhode Island, whence he removed to Dartmouth, Massachusetts, in 1689. He died in 1714. His wife was Lydia Dixon, and they had six children: Nicholas, Joseph, James, Daniel, John and Rebecca. Nicholas was born in 1665. He had a son Joseph, born July 16, 1693, who married Mahitable Smith in 1718. Their son Barnabas, born December 28, 1720,

married Bethiah Wollsen in 1743. Their son Lemuel, born October 21, 1749, married Ruth Gifford in 1770, and their daughter Bethiah, born July 23, 1771, died in 1856. She married Asa Mosher, February 27, 1794. Their son Robert, born March 27, 1800, married Edith Nichols February 14, 1822. She died February 14, 1894, and he May 5, 1886. Their son Nathan N., born February 2, 1827, married Sarah Ann Bovey April 15, 1847, and their son Robert F. is the subject of this sketch.

Hugh Mosher's youngest son, John, and his wife, Experience, had a son John, Jr., who married Hannah Duvall. A son of theirs, Obediah, born January 12, 1731, died March 24, 1808. He married Hannah Brownell, who was born July 22, 1732, and died March 8, 1825. Their son Asa, born November 25, 1771, died March 4, 1843. He married Bethiah Mosher February 27, 1794. Therefore the last named Asa and his wife, Bethiah, the great-grandparents of our subject, were both descendants from Hugh Mosher, Asa through his youngest son and Bethiah through his oldest son.

Of the Bovey family, we record that Christopher Bovey emigrated from Lorraine, then in France, during the latter part of the last century and settled in Maryland. He had a family of children as follows: John Jacob, Christopher, Adam, Mary and Margaret. John Jacob married Elizabeth Burgher, and their daughter, Sarah Ann, the mother of our subject, was born February 28, 1824, in Frederick county, Maryland. Her parents removed with their family to Ohio in 1832 and settled in Knox county, where they made their home for six years, coming in 1838 to Morrow county. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Robert Mosher came to Ohio from New York State in 1818. He was thirteen years of age at the time of the battle of Lake Champlain, which was fought near his father's home. Nathan N. Mosher and his wife were married in Morrow county, in the spring of 1847, and after their marriage settled in Cardington, where he carried on the business of wagon-maker for a while. He moved to Warren county, Iowa, in 1853, and farmed there for four years. Then he returned to Ohio, and three years later went back to Iowa, where he spent five years. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, but was not mustered in until June 4, when he became a member of Company G, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was organized at Keokuk, Iowa. He remained with his command, participating in its numerous engagements until the fight on the Hatchie river, when, on account of ill health, he was ordered to the hospital. He afterward served as nurse in the hospital, and was sent in charge of sick and wounded to Jackson, Tennessee, where he was given the position of ward master. There he was discharged by the Medical Inspector of the United States Army, after having served in the war over two years. In 1865 he moved to Kansas and located in Douglas county, where he engaged in freighting, and whence he subsequently removed to Page county, Iowa, and resumed farming, also teaming there. In 1867 he came to Warren county, Ohio, and farmed there until 1872, after which he kept a hotel at Waynesville, Ohio, for six years. Following that, he was for three years employed on the Cincinnati Times. He now resides on a farm in Gilead township, Morrow county. He and his wife became the parents of ten children, two of whom are now deceased. Of the children we offer brief record as follows: Robert

F. is the subject of this sketch; Mary E., born December 22, 1850; Edith, born February 28, 1853; Martha, November 11, 1855; John Jacob, born January 8, 1857, died June 9, 1894, leaving a widow and three children; Amanda, born December 22, 1858; Samuel F., February 14, 1861; Gideon, born February 5, 1864, died November 1, 1881; Charley, born April 6, 1867; and William, January 28, 1870. All the surviving children, except William, are married, and all are prospering in life.

Robert F. Mosher received his education in the district schools and at the Waynesville, Ohio, high school, being a student in the latter for three terms. He began life on his own responsibility when he was twenty-one and when he was twenty-two he left home in Warren county and came to Morrow county. Here he worked one year for his grandfather Mosher. After his marriage, which occurred in 1873, he settled on the farm on which he now lives. He rented this place for five years and at the end of that time purchased it. It comprises ninety-four acres, all well improved and in addition to this he has a half interest in an adjoining farm of 112 acres. His elegant residence, built in 1893, is one of the finest homes in the township. He gives his attention to general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of sheep and heavy draft horses.

Mr. Mosher was married April 29, 1873, to Miss Phœbe A. Harlan, who was born in Noble county, Ohio, December 24, 1848, daughter of Caleb and Pamelia (Benson) Harlan. The Harlans came to Morrow county in 1857, and both parents died here. Mr. and Mrs. Mosher have five children, namely: Ralph N., born October 2, 1874; Henry H., born December 27, 1877; Mary M., born August 30, 1881; Samuel J., born October 30, 1884; and Phœbe H., born May 17, 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosher both come of old Quaker families, and are themselves active members of that church. He is a Sabbath-school Superintendent and his wife is a teacher in the Sabbath-school. Mr. Mosher has always been interested in educational affairs and has afforded his children good educational advantages. He has served as Director of his school district for fifteen years, and as a member of the Township Board for twelve years He has also served as Road Supervisor several terms. In this capacity he clearly demonstrated what could be accomplished by the application of business principles in discharging the duties of his position. His road district is well graded and drained and a large portion graveled,—this being accomplished by the agency of only the ordinary road tax. Politically he has been identified with the Prohibition party since its organization, in 1869, and has served on both the County Executive and Central Committees and the State Central Committee. He has also been the candidate of his party for County Auditor, Recorder and Commissioner. Few men are better known or more highly respected in Morrow county than is Robert F. Mosher.

MILLS BROTHERS, proprietors of a flouring mill at Cardington, Ohio, are among the most enterprising young business men of the city.

Their father, Richard T. Mills, was born and reared on a farm in Marion county,

Ohio, and after his marriage he engaged in the grocery business in Caledonia, that county, where he remained until 1868, at that time coming to Cardington. His father, Jesse W. Mills, a native of New Jersey, was one of the early pioneers of Marion county. In the spring of 1865 he removed from his farm in that county to Cardington and bought the mill above referred to, being engaged in its operation for some time under the firm name of Mills & Dawson. After his death his son Richard T. took charge of the mill, becoming its owner in 1880 and continuing to operate it until 1892, when he died, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a man of sterling qualities, having many of the characteristics of his Scotch ancestors, and was well known and highly respected throughout Morrow county. In politics a stanch Republican, he was for a time Mayor of the city of Cardington, served on the School Board, and at the time of his death was a member of the City Council. When the civil war came on, he enlisted in the first year of the struggle as a member of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was honorably discharged on account of disability. He was a member of the G. A. R. at Cardington and was Commander of his Post, and in the I. O. O. F. he was prominent and active, at different times serving as representative to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

The mother of our subject was before her marriage Miss Lottie Kermickle, she being a native of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, where she was reared and educated. She is now a resident of Cardington. Her children are five in number and are as follows: Minella, J. G., H. A., J. W., and Ralph. Jesse W. has for the last four years been employed by the clothiers, Curl & Glauner.

J. G. and H. A. represent the firm of Mills Brothers. The former was born in Caledonia, Marion county, Ohio, May 4, 1868, and was six months old at the time his parents moved to Cardington, where he has since lived, having been connected with the mill since he was eighteen years of age. H. A. Mills was born in Cardington May 14, 1870. After the death of their father they took charge of the mill and have since operated it successfully. This mill has both water and steam power, is equipped with roller process, and has a capacity of fifty barrels per day.

Both these gentlemen are members of the Cardington Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., and of Lodge No. 427, K. of P.; and J. G. is also a member of the Masonic order, Cardington Lodge, No. 384.

JAMES R. LYTLE, attorney at law, Delaware, Ohio, has for a number of years been an important factor in the affairs of this city and is thoroughly identified with its interests. He has resided here since 1864, when he came to Delaware for the purpose of attending the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Lytle was born on a farm near Lancaster, Ohio, son of James and Catharine (Freymeyer) Lytle, who were of Scotch-Irish and German descent and who are both deceased. His father was one of the pioneer farmers of Ohio, and for his many sterling qualities was honored and respected by all who knew him. Politically he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. In religion he was an Episcopalian, while his wife was a Lutheran. They had four children,

viz.: Catherine A., widow of John T. Evans, a resident of Delaware, Ohio; John B., who died at the age of twenty-one years; James R., whose name appears at the head of this article; and William, who was a member of Company I, Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was captured by guerrillas while he was out foraging and has never since been heard of.

James R. Lytle spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and received his early training in the district schools. In the fall of 1861 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, and spent one year in hard study, after which he returned home and remained until the spring of 1864. On the 2d of May of that year he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the 100-day service. Previous to this time he had been a member of the Home Guards and had done some service during the Morgan raid. When the time of his enlistment had expired he returned home, and in the fall of 1864 again entered college, as above stated. Here he graduated in the class of 1868. During his vacations he studied law in the office of Jones & Hipple, of Delaware, and in June, 1869, was admitted to the bar. He was married soon after his graduation and moved to Fremont, Ohio. He remained there, however, only one year. While on a visit to Delaware, his preceptor, General J. S. Jones, offered him a partnership in the law business, which he accepted, and they have since been associated in practice, Mr. Lytle giving his attention to the office business. Mr. Lytle has made a specialty of securing pensions for the old soldiers and their widows, and in this line of work has been eminently successful, having secured upwards of 1,000 pensions in this part of the State. Both his natural and acquired abilities fit him for a successful lawyer, and added to these is his absorbing love for his profession. And he is not only a successful lawyer, but he is also a good financier. He owns a valuable stock farm in Union county, and has a pleasant home in Delaware, at No. 60 South Sandusky street.

For a number of years Mr. Lytle has been active in political circles, being a strong advocate of the Republican principles. He was Chairman of the Executive Committee in 1892, and for six or seven years prior to that was its Treasurer. In 1893 he was placed in nomination by the Democratic party for the office of Probate Judge,—and this without his laying aside his Republican principles. The election gave Mr. McKinley for Governor a majority of 969, while Mr. Lytle was defeated by only 337 votes. This proves conclusively his popularity. He has served as a member of the City Council, member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, and at this writing is secretary of the Board of Associated Charities. Fraternally he is identified with Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., and also with the George B. Torrence Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Lytle was married in 1868 to Miss Cornelia A. Chase, daughter of Rev. Ira Chase, and they have three children, namely: James W., a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University with the class of 1890, and for three years assistant postmaster of Delaware, is now located in San Francisco, California; Viola M., also a graduate at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in 1894, and, being a talented musician, has since gone abroad to complete a course in music and German in Berlin; and Frances C., better known as "Nellie," is now a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University. The family are

all members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church. For twenty-five years Mr. Lytle has been a member of its official board, for the past fifteen years has served as Recording Steward, and for five years has been Treasurer.

Thus in religious, social, political and business circles Mr. Lytle is a leading spirit, and his influence is always directed for good. More might be said of his active life and excellent qualities, but enough has been given to serve as an index to his character and place him, where he belongs, among the most worthy citizens of his town.

P. R. CADY, a respected farmer of Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio, forms the subject of this article. The Cady family were for many years residents of the New England States. Noah Cady, the father of this gentleman, was born in Windsor county, Vermont, in the year 1784, son of Parley Cady, also a native of the Green Mountain State. Noah Cady married Miss Hannah Davis, daughter of Ezekiel Davis, both of Vermont, and in that State he and his wife reared their family, passed their lives and died. They had eight children, only one of whom, P. R., is now living.

P. R. Cady was born on his father's farm, August 4, 1815, and spent the first seventeen years of his life there. Then he left Vermont and went to St. Lawrence county, New York, where he made his home several years, and where, in 1837, he married Sophronia Granby, a native of the Empire State. The year following their marriage they came west to Ohio and settled in Cardington township, then Marion, now Morrow county. For several years he worked in an ashery, and he also helped to build the first bridge across Whetstone creek. About 1840 he settled on a farm in what is now Lincoln township, this county, the farm having a log house and a small clearing. Subsequently he traded this place for another farm a little further east, and moved to it and began the work of clearing and improving. Here, August 18, 1857, his wife died. Of their children, five in number, we make record as follows: Norman, born November 2, 1837, married Annie Mott and has six children, their home being in Miami county, Ohio; Lucius, born May 13, 1839, is a resident of Kansas City, he and his wife, *nèe* Annie Lee, having two children; Myron A., born November 12, 1843, a resident of Cardington, Ohio, married Mattie Wiseman and has four children, Mary L., born May 5, 1848, is the wife of Francis Conklin, Sauk county, Wisconsin, and has six children; and Harriet M., born March 24, 1850, is the wife of Van Kirkpatrick, Wisconsin, and has six children.

In 1858 Mr. Cady married Mrs. Harriet (Warner) Benson, a native of Dutchess county, New York, and a daughter of John H. and Julia (Robinson) Warner. Her father was born in Connecticut, October 12, 1785, and her mother in New York, January 31, 1787, and they were married in Dutchess county, New York, October 1, 1808, and settled in that county. Soon afterward they removed to Poughkeepsie, New York, still later to Onondaga county, that State, and from the latter place came to Ohio in 1833, and settled in the woods of Lincoln township. Here her father died, January 25, 1852, and her mother September 25, 1862. They had nine children, as follows: Emeline Wheeler, of Wisconsin, is eighty-three years of age; Mrs. Cady, aged eighty; Eliza

Benedict, of Cardington township, this county, aged seventy-eight; Daniel, aged seventy-six; Maria, deceased; Julia Ann Alter, deceased; Almira Cushman, of Wisconsin; Mary Jane Aldrich, of Kansas; and Amanda Aldrich, also of Kansas. Mrs. Cady was born December 20, 1813, and until she was fifteen years of age lived near Poughkeepsie. In January, 1831, she became the wife of Leander Benson, a native of New York, and they came to Ohio in 1831 and settled on the farm where she still lives. Here she has resided for sixty-three years. Mr. Benson died February 14, 1856. They had eight children, only three of whom are now living, viz: Henry G., who is married, has two children, and lives in Colorado; Nelson, of Ashley, Ohio, has a wife and two children; and Adeline Ashley, who also has two children. Mrs. Cady's son Nelson served in the late war, as also did two of Mr. Cady's sons, Norman and Myron.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cady have for years been members of the Christian Church, and he is a Deacon in the same. Politically he is a Prohibitionist. He has served as School Director and Township Trustee.

EVAN SHAW, whose post-office address is Marysville, Ohio, is one of the respected farmers of his community and is a member of one of the prominent families of Union county.

Mr. Shaw was born in Maryland, December 8, 1840, son of Harrison and Ann (Hutchins) Shaw, natives of Maryland, the father of Scotch descent. In 1843 the Shaw family came west to Ohio, making the journey with teams and bringing with them their household goods. That winter they spent at Marysville, and in the spring they located what is now known as the Dines farm, north of Marysville. Later on they removed to Paris township and took up their abode on a farm located near the new turnpike, remaining there until 1860, when they removed to another farm in the same township, but located on the Kenton road, and there the parents passed the residue of their lives. The father died December 28, 1885, at the age of seventy-two years, the mother having passed away fifteen months before, at the age of seventy-five. They had nine children, of whom seven reached maturity, namely: Amanda Beard, Emily Wiley, Morgan, Evan, Oliver, Hutchins and Mary Knutts. Mary is one of triplets, the other two dying in infancy. While in Maryland, the father of this family kept a tavern, but after coming to Ohio he gave his attention to farming and stock-raising. By trade he was a blacksmith. The mother was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and both were most highly respected and esteemed for their many excellent qualities.

Evan Shaw was three years old at the time they emigrated from Maryland to this State, and on his father's farm he grew up, receiving his education in the common schools and in the practical school of experience. When he was twenty-four he left the parental home, married, and settled in Taylor township. In 1881 he came to his present farm in Liberty township. Here he has ninety acres of choice land and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His farm is well improved with comfortable residence and other good farm buildings, and here he is surrounded with all the comforts of life, his earnest efforts being attended with merited success.

Mr. Shaw was married January 29, 1865, in Taylor township, this county, to Maria

Jane Coder, who was born in Paris township, Union county, Ohio, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Coder. She is the oldest of a family of five children, the others being: Simon, James, Joanna, Emily C. Her parents also have an adopted son, D. H. McCormack, who still lives with them. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have nine children, as follows: Martha E., Arthur, Anna L., Jacob W., Harrison, Mary Ida, Jennie, Eva, and Georgia. All are at home except Martha E., who is the wife of a Mr. Gourman and who lives in Paris township, this county.

Like his father before him, Mr. Shaw is Democratic in his political views.

THOMAS A. WOOD, a prominent farmer of Gilead township, Morrow county, is a son of Jonathan Wood, born in New York, September 1, 1801. He was a son of Jonathan and Rachel (White) Wood. Jonathan, Sr., was a son of Daniel and Susannah (Chase) Wood.

John Wood, the first American ancestor and a Quaker, emigrated to America about 1635 or 1636, crossing the Atlantic probably in the ship Hopewell, from London, which arrived September 11, of the latter year. At this time he was twenty-six years of age, and was married. After the death of his first wife he married again, and altogether he had seven children. His son William married Miss Martha Earl, daughter of Ralph and Joan Earl, and had ten children. Their son Jonathan was born May 22, 1697, married Peace Davis, August 12, 1724, and they were both Quaker preachers. They had five children, of whom Daniel was born November 14, 1729. He married Susannah Chase, a daughter of Stephen and Esther Chase, July 30, 1752, and had five children. Of these, Jonathan (grandfather of the subject of this sketch), was born at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, February 9, 1760, married Rachel White at Nine Partners, New York, in 1784, came to Ohio in 1817, first settling in Delaware county, near South Woodbury, and a year afterward in Marion county, same State, two miles south of Mount Gilead, where he died May 7, 1838. His wife, born January 18, 1764, died September 26, 1824. They had twelve children. Of these, Jonathan (father of our subject), was born in Peru, Clinton county, New York, September 1, 1801; and February 23, 1824, married Mary Ashton, in Columbiana county, Ohio, and died November 25, 1863, and his wife February 8, 1873.

The Wood family, of course, have been exemplary members of society. Ex-Senator Chase, of Rhode Island, and ex-Senator Eaton both married members of this noble family. Mary Dyer, one of the ancestors and a Quaker minister, was put to death in the time of Governor John Endicott, of Massachusetts, for asserting her rights as a Quaker in that colony. The perpetrators of this deed were Puritans, who had first fled from England to Leyden, Holland, to escape the persecution of Queen Mary, and in 1620 came to Plymouth to carry on a persecution just as unreasonable as that from which they had fled.

After marriage, Jonathan Wood and wife located on the farm now owned by our subject. Although poor financially, he was an energetic and hard-working man, and took an active part in the development of his county. With the exception of a few years in Columbiana county, they spent their

lives here. They were the parents of six children, namely: Thomas A., the subject of this sketch; Stephen A., of Cardington; Rachel Ann, wife of James W. Vaugher, of Lincoln township; Griffith L., a resident of Mount Gilead; Lindley H., also of that city; and Lamira W., wife of Harry W. Collins, who resides in Franklin county, Kansas.

Thomas A. Wood was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, December 3, 1826, and was brought to this county when an infant. He was reared to manhood on the place he now owns, and received his education in the district schools, and at the Hesper Seminary, near South Woodbury, Morrow county. From 1851 to 1864 he resided in Harmony township, and since 1864 has been a permanent resident of Gilead township. He owns seventy-three acres of land, fifty acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Wood was married September 1, 1847, to Rhoda Vaughan, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, February 19, 1828, a daughter of James and Rhoda (Cobb) Vaughan, natives of Virginia, the father born January 17, 1780, and the mother September 30, 1790. They came to Ohio, and were married in Columbiana county, August 29, 1822. In 1839 they made a permanent settlement in Gilead township; the father dying here December 12, 1859, and the mother July 20, 1877. They were the parents of seven children, five now living: Rebecca T., widow of William B. Kirk, and a resident of New Sharon, Iowa; Johanna, wife of Stephen Gardner, of Cottage Grove, Union county, Indiana; Rhoda, wife of our subject; Joseph, of this township; and Lindley J., a resident of Gilead township. The parents were members and active workers in the Friends' Church. Thomas Wood and wife have had five children, namely: Reuben E., born June 23, 1849, married Elvira Milligan, resides in Union county, Iowa, and has three children; Marietta, born August 15, 1853, died at the age of nine years; Louisa T., born December 11, 1857, is the wife of Alfred H. Brease, of Mount Gilead, and they have six children; Harriet M., born October 22, 1862, is the wife of Fred R. Hathaway, of Lenawee county, Michigan, and has one child; and Caroline T., born July 3, 1867, is the wife of LeRoy W. Furby, of Gilead township. They also have one child. The family are members of the Friends' Church. Mr. Wood is a member of the Republican party.

JOHN A. SHOEMAKER has the honor of being a native of Delaware county and is numbered among its leading and representative citizens. He was born on the 22d of September, 1856, near Ashley, and is a son of Frank and Chloe (Smith) Shoemaker, a sketch of whom appears below. With the usual experiences of farm life he grew to manhood, and on attaining the proper age, he entered the public schools, where he manifested special aptitude for his studies until at the early age of seventeen he was fitted for the profession of teaching and took charge of his first school. He was very successful in this profession, which he continued to follow through each winter season until called to public office, the last two years of his school work being Superintendent of the schools at Ostrander, Ohio. He also attended Normal school in Worthington, Ohio, for two terms, defraying his expenses with money earned

in teaching. In the fall of 1887 he was nominated and elected to the office of County Clerk, his ability and worth being recognized by his fellow citizens, and that their confidence was not misplaced was shown by his faithful and prompt performance of duty. So well did he administer the affairs of the office that he was re-elected in the autumn of 1890, and on the expiration of his second term, he was appointed by the County Commissioners for a short term of six months. At the election to his second term he ran ahead of his ticket in all but two precincts in the county,—a fact which certainly indicates great personal popularity and the high regard in which he is held by those who know him. He is a warm advocate of the principles of the Republican party and does all in his power to advance its interests and insure its success.

On the 5th of September, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shoemaker and Miss Carrie, the accomplished daughter of William H. and Mary (Richey) Loveless, at New Dover, Union county, Ohio, and their union is blessed with two children who are yet living,—Mary and Grace, while they lost one in infancy. This worthy couple have a wide acquaintance throughout the county and in social circles hold an enviable position where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. Having always taken an active interest in the educational affairs of his native county, in the year 1888 Mr. Shoemaker was appointed School Examiner for the city of Delaware for the period of three years, and his reappointment in 1891 and again in 1894 are evidence of his qualifications for the office which he is still filling.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are members of Williams Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Delaware, Ohio, and have been for several years.

On retiring to private life in 1894, Mr. Shoemaker formed a partnership with William H. H. Wood and embarked in the grocery business, which he is now carrying on with good success, having, by fair and honest dealing and an earnest desire to please his customers, won a liberal patronage, of which he is well deserving. He also owns a finely improved farm in Oxford township, Delaware county, comprising 106 acres of rich and valuable land, and this adds materially to his income. He possesses good business ability and is a pleasant, genial man and good citizen, whose friends in the community are many. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows' lodge of Ashley, Ohio, and has passed all its chairs. He also holds membership with Lenape Lodge, No. 29, K. P., of Delaware, and is now the Keeper of Records and Seals in that order, a position which he has filled for four years.

Frank Shoemaker, the father of the subject of this sketch, is a well-known and prosperous farmer of Delaware county, living near Leonardsburg, and is the ~~fourth~~ son in a family of seven children. He was born in Delaware county, November 17, 1833, and is a son of John Shoemaker, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, born in 1801. During his childhood days he accompanied his parents to Ohio, where in the usual manner of farmer lads he was reared, and his early experiences in the Ohio wilds were the privations that usually beset the path of the pioneer. He wedded Jane Jenkins, a native of Virginia, born in 1809, who removed to Ohio early in the present century. While yet in the prime of life, John Shoemaker was killed by a falling

tree, after which his widow, by her own labor and the income derived from the small farm, supported her children, rearing them to maturity.

Frank Shoemaker was the only son and in consequence many duties and cares devolved upon his young shoulders. He aided his mother in the operation of the home farm and worked for others, giving his wages for the support of the family until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 18th of November, 1855, the lady of his choice being Miss Chloe Smith, who was a daughter of Almond and Maria (Rodman)Smith. Her father died when she was quite young, and her mother, being left alone with a large family to support, had recourse to weaving, which she followed steadily for many years. Mrs. Shoemaker was born in Delaware county November 5, 1836, and by her marriage has had five children,—John A.; Orrie E., now the wife of John C. Jones; Della C., wife of Wellington C. Whipple; Oscar W., who married Maggie Williams; and Guy C., who completes the family.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Shoemaker was in very limited circumstances, but was hopeful and ambitious, and a busy life has brought him a comfortable competence. For several years he supported his family by day's labor. His work was interrupted in 1862, when he enlisted in the Union army for three years' service as a a member of Company C, Eighty-eighth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. When the war was over he returned to his home and purchased a farm, since which time he has carried on agricultural pursuits. He now lives one mile north of Eden Station, where he has a pleasant home. For many years he and his wife have been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, are sincere Christian people, faithful workers in the Master's vineyard. He is one of the unswerving Republicans of the county, and a public-spirited, progressive citizen, in whom the best interests of the community find a friend.

ADAM KRATT, who stands as a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Morrow county, Ohio, is one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Westfield township. His father, the late Christopher Kratt, was a native of Baden, Germany, and he grew to manhood in the fatherland, being reared to farm life. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Christina Krouse, and she likewise was a native of Baden, Germany, where she remained until she had attained mature years. The parents came to America about 1830 and were married here, after which they settled near Chillicothe, Ohio, where the father was employed in a factory about six years. In 1837 they came to that part of Delaware county which is now incorporated in the county of Morrow, and here the father entered claim to ninety-two acres of Government land, the same being entirely unreclaimed and heavily wooded. He paid for his land at the rate of $1.25 per acre. On this farm he erected a log cabin and then set valiantly to work to clear and improve his farm, subsequently adding forty-five acres to his place. In 1861 he erected the present residence. His death occurred September 23, 1875, and at the time he had brought the farm up to the present high state of cultivation. The mother of our subject is still living, at the venerable age of eighty-three years.

Christopher and Christina Kratt became the parents of eight children, of whom seven lived to attain mature years. Of the children we offer the following brief record: Amena is the deceased wife of Monroe Orcut; Catherine is deceased; Ann is the widow of the late Alpheus Schofield and is the mother of three children; Maggie is the wife of Joel Shaw and they have two daughters; Elizabeth is the wife of F. B. Shaw and is the mother of three children; Jacob enlisted for service in the late war of the Rebellion, entering the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and while with the same met his death at Arkansas Post; Adam, subject of this review, is the youngest of the family. The parents early identified themselves with the Lutheran Church and were zealous workers in the same. In politics the father was a Democrat

Adam Kratt, subject of this sketch, was born October 3, 1848, on the old homestead where he now lives, and he received his educational discipline in the district schools. After the death of his father he assumed the management of the home farm, which he now owns. He has added to the same until he is now the proprietor of 266 acres, all in one body and all improved. He has done much in the way of rebuilding and in making the permanent improvements about the place substantial and well kept, while he has also cleared and brought into cultivation a large part of his fine place. He has about six acres of fine orchard and devotes considerable attention to the raising of graded stock.

In December, 1873, Mr. Kratt was united in marriage to Miss Sarah B. Phillipy, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of the late John Phillipy. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children: Harley J., born September 23, 1875, and Chloe Belle, born May 15, 1883.

Fraternally Mr. Kratt is prominently identified with the Masonic order, retaining a membership in Cardington Lodge, No. 384, and Mount Gilead Chapter, No. 84. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Cardington Lodge, No. 194, in which he has passed all the chairs, and of Ashley Encampment, No. 125. The list of his fraternal affiliations is completed in his retaining a membership in the Royal Arcanum at Cardington. He has been one of the most zealous and progressive workers in furthering educational interests, and has been School Director for many years, being the present incumbent in that office. His interest in the work is unflagging and he is recognized as the prime factor in promoting the educational advantages in his township. Politically Mr. Kratt is an ardent supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and he has taken an active part in the local councils of the organization.

A man of marked intellectual force, careful and conscientious in all his dealings, and charitable and kind hearted, he is not only one of the most prominent men in Westfield township, but one honored and esteemed by all.

CHARLES S. CHAPMAN, cashier of the People's Bank of Marysville, Ohio, is one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of Union county.

Mr. Chapman traces his ancestry back to Benjamin Chapman, who was a native of Southington, Connecticut, born February 22, 1761, the son of a minister (Congregational, it is supposed) and slaveholder. This

Benjamin Chapman was married September 25, 1792, in Connecticut, to Miss Silvia Upson, also a native of Southington, the date of her birth being October 12, 1773. About 1802 or 1804 the Chapman family came to Ohio with a colony under Colonel James Kilbourn, the colony being composed of Episcopalians and Colonel Kilbourn its first minister. The Chapmans, who were Presbyterians, took the place in the company of a family which failed to emigrate, and they settled on the west side of the Olentangy river, about three miles above Worthington. On a farm at that place Benjamin Chapman and his wife passed the rest of their days. He died March 7, 1823, and she survived him a number of years. They had a family of children as follows: Roswell R.; Albert, M. D., who practiced his profession in Franklin county, Ohio, for many years, died at the age of eighty-nine; Mary, wife of Dixon Mitchell, died in Union county; Sarah, wife of Aaron Mitchell, died in Logan county; Henry, a steamboat captain on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, died in Van Buren, Arkansas; Lucinda, wife of Aaron Mitchell, died in Columbus, Ohio; Sylvia, died at De Groff, Ohio; and Harriet, wife of Ira Reynolds, died in Seneca county, Ohio.

Roswell Riggs Chapman, the oldest of this family and the grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was born in Bandford, Massachusetts, September 21, 1798, and was a small child when he came with his parents to Ohio. He enlisted in Captain Levi Pinney's company in the war of 1812, served as a musician, becoming fife major of his regiment, and was taken prisoner by the British at Detroit, upon the surrender of that post by General Hull. After his return he engaged as clerk for the Scioto Company in their store, subsequently forming a partnership in the dry-goods, grocery and general produce business with his uncle, Dr. Daniel Upson. In the spring of 1816 he married Miss Phœbe Stansbery, who was born in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, March 1, 1798. His health failed in 1826, and in 1827, being threatened with consumption he went South, thinking to derive benefit from the change. The disease had too strong a hold upon him, and he died on a steamer December 13, 1827, and was buried at Natchez, Mississippi. His wife, Phœbe Stansbery, was the only child of Judge Recompense Stansbery, who emigrated to Ohio in 1810, coming through Pennsylvania, down the Ohio river on a flat-boat, and up the Muskingum as far as Zanesville, thence by wagon to Granville, in what is now Licking county, Ohio, and across the country to Worthington. Between the latter points there was then no road, and he was compelled to clear his way with an axe. Mr. Stansbery occupied a prominent position in the new settlement. In 1814 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He was also Justice of the Peace, and in that capacity married many of the early settlers. He was for twenty-five years Postmaster at Worthington; was a large land-holder and stock owner, having at one time 1,200 sheep, when the region was yet thickly infested with wolves. He died in 1843. Roswell R. Chapman and his wife were the parents of five children, namely: John O., a farmer of Jasper county, Iowa; Eliza, widow of Dr. Peter Goble, Tulare, California; Mary, deceased, wife of Jacob Haas, of Pekin, Illinois; Albert S., the father of our subject; and Delia, deceased, wife of Dr. Francis Upson, Los Angeles, California. After the death

of her husband, Phœbe Chapman became the wife of Dr. Arius Kilbourn. He died September 2, 1865, and she passed away March 4, 1878.

Albert S. Chapman was born at Worthington, Ohio, April 26, 1823. At the age of eighteen he began reading medicine and teaching school, was afterward engaged in business at various places until 1855, when, on account of failing health, he sought outdoor employment and gave his attention to farming. In 1870 he located a second time at Marysville, entering into partnership with his son in the agricultural implement business. In 1875 he formed a partnership with John S. Fleck for the manufacture of doors, sash and blinds, and dealing in lumber, under the firm name of Fleck & Chapman, which association continued until 1893, since which time he has been retired, still making his home in Marysville. He was married when twenty-two years of age, to Miss Eveline M. Couch, of Springfield, Ohio, and they became the parents of three children: Charles Stansbery, subject of this review; Frank, who died at the age of five years; and Minnie, who became the wife of A. J. Reicherts, Delaware, Ohio, died in 1872, leaving one child. Mrs. Chapman died August 30, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years.

Charles S. Chapman was born in Newton, Union county, Ohio, November 15, 1846, and was educated at Worthington. After he had attained his majority he was for three years engaged in the agricultural implement business with his father, at Marysville. Since the organization of the People's Bank of Marysville, in 1874, he has been its cashier, serving most efficiently in this responsible position. Both he and his father helped to organize this bank. About 1875 they also became interested in farming operations, owning some 300 acres of land, to which they added by subsequent purchase until now they have 500 acres. This land is located in Jerome township, Union county, and is operated chiefly as a sheep farm. They commenced the sheep industry by securing the American Merinos from Vermont. About 1884 they began crossing their stock with the Delaine breeds, and they now have a flock of about 700 fine registered sheep. They breed both for clip and market. In the spring of 1893 Mr. Charles S. Chapman gathered clippings of wool for an exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago, and was awarded a diploma on Delaine wool, making a score of 95.9, this being an honor to both Mr. Chapman and to Union county.

Mr. Chapman's residence, erected in 1885, is one of the finest modern homes in Marysville, its location being on the corner of Fourth and Maple streets. He was married in this city, December 1, 1870, to Miss Anna T. Kinkade, daughter of James Kinkade, deceased. They have three children, viz.: Frank T., a graduate of the Conservatory of Music of Chicago, and for four years a student under Professor Jacobsohn, now has a studio in Columbus, Ohio, where he is giving especial attention to violin music; Max, a graduate of the Marysville high school, is now looking after the interests of his father's farm, and Albert K., a bright little fellow of four years.

Politically Mr. Chapman is a stanch Republican. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Palestine Lodge, No. 158. While his father is an Episcopalian, Charles S., is identified with the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an official member for a number of years. For some years he was

Sunday-school Superintendent. Such is a brief sketch of the life of this well-known citizen and his pioneer ancestry.

THE KINKADE FAMILY.—The Kinkades were originally a Scottish clan, whose motto was: "The Head and Front of Battle." They went from Scotland to the north of Ireland, and from an estate in county Down, near Londonderry, one John Kinkade came to America about the year 1749, with his wife, Jane, and six children, and settled near Philadelphia.

A family custom that is dated from its earliest history, was for the eldest son of one generation to be named James, and for his oldest son to be called John, and so on continually, James and John alternately. Thus, as John Kinkade was the first of the name in the United States, so also was he the oldest son and heir of the Ireland estate. True to the family tradition, he named his eldest son James and his second son John; he had also four daughters.

This son James, who was fifteen years old when the family came from Ireland, was married near Philadelphia, about the year 1790, to Nancy Taylor, daughter of George and Eleanor (Thompson) Taylor. After some years they left Pennsylvania and located in Brook county, Virginia. They had a family of ten children. Their eldest son, John, was married, in Virginia, February 4, 1819, to Isabella Adams, daughter of William and Isabella (Scott) Adams. They had three children,—Isabella, James, and John Thompson,—and they died within a month of each other in 1826.

The immediate subject of our sketch, their eldest son, was born May 13, 1822. After the death of his parents he lived with his grandmother Kinkade, in Virginia, until about 1835, when he came to Ohio, where he remained with his uncles in Delaware and Logan counties till he became of age and started in business for himself, in Marysville, Ohio, where he resided for the rest of his life. He was a merchant until failing health made it necessary for him to retire from active business and seek relief by life in the open air. He located on a farm a short distance from the town, but the change was of no avail.

June 3, 1845, he was married to Hannah Cassil, daughter of John and Drusilla (Gladden) Cassil. They had a family of five children: Mary E., who died in infancy; Anna T., wife of Charles S. Chapman, of Marysville, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume; John H., a lawyer of Marysville, who married Clara Moxley, of Ironton, Ohio; James Frederic, a successful business man of New Mexico, married to Nettie Priscilla White; and Drusilla I., now Mrs. William Kelsey Liggett, of Columbus, Ohio. In character James Kinkade was one of nature's noblemen, a devoted Presbyterian, and a gentleman in thought and word and deed,—an honest man, that "noblest work of God." He left to the family, who were so dear to him and to whom he was so dear, the priceless inheritance of an unspotted name. He went away October 31, 1877.

"I can not say, and I will not say
That he is dead—He is just away."

J. H. GILLESPIE, deceased, was one of the prominent early settlers of Union township, Union county, Ohio. Mr. Gillespie was born in Champaign county, Ohio, March 7, 1819, son of James

and Mary (Phillips) Gillespie, both members of highly respected families, the father being a relative of the late James G. Blaine, and the mother a cousin of Hon. Thomas Corvine, and died July 23, 1894. His father, James Gillespie, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was one of eight brothers who came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1816, being among the first settlers of that county. He and his wife had three children, namely: James H., whose name heads this article; Jane Thomas, deceased, and Elijah, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and now at the Soldiers' Home at Washington, District of Columbia.

The parents of James H. died before he was six years old and his uncle, Jesse Phillips, reared him, and he learned his trade, that of a tanner. He worked at the tanner's trade for some years and for twenty years was in the tile business. The rest of his life was spent on the farm. He had 200 acres of choice land near Irwin, well improved with modern residence, good barn and other buildings, and everything kept up in good shape. One of the attractive features of this farm is a beautiful oak park. Originally this was the James Irwin farm.

Mr. Gillespie was married October 2, 1845, to Anna E. Hathaway, a lady of culture and a member of a prominent family. She was born, reared and educated in this county. Her father, Dr. Nicholas Hathaway, was one of the early settlers of Union county, and died here in 1848. He was born at Freetown, Massachusetts, December 4, 1773, son of Steven Hathaway, also a native of Massachusetts. John Hathaway, the original ancestor of the family in this country, came from Wales and settled in Massachusetts. Dr. Hathaway graduated at Providence, Rhode Island, and after his graduation was married in his native State to Miss Anna Pierce, daughter of Eben Pierce, by whom he had ten children, all of whom have passed away. For his second wife the doctor married Mrs. Elizabeth (Mitchell) Morton, daughter of Charles Mitchell, and their only child is Mrs. Anna Gillespie. Dr. Hathaway was a man of large means, owned a thousand acres of land in this county, and was public-spirited and generous, always taking an active part in public affairs,—political, educational and and religious,—and was regarded as one of the most influential men in the county. He was one of the first three Judges of the county, when the court was held at Milford, in George Brown's bar-room. His widow survived him until 1863, when she died at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie had three children, viz.: Mary, who has been a popular and successful teacher for a number of years; Harvey M., who died June 21, 1888, at Emelton, Pennsylvania, leaving a widow and two children, James Glenn and Eva Gertrude; and Gertrude, wife of Willis Hathaway, of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Politically Mr. Gillespie was a Democrat. Mrs. Gillespie and her daughter Mary are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their son was also a member of this church.

CHARLES W. SMITH, the subject of this sketch, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, March 31, 1833, and in 1835, with his parents, Charles and Sarah Smith, he came to Union county, Ohio. He has from his youth devoted his attention to farming, and he received but a rudimentary education. On May 2, 1872, he married

Miss Augusta C. Hathaway, who was born October 1, 1842, in Logan county, Ohio; she is a daughter of Ebenezer C. and Almira Hathaway. To them have been born three children: Emily, Nannie H. and Charles H. In May, 1864, Mr. Smith enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was stationed principally at Forts Ellsworth, Lyon and O'Rourke. He received an honorable discharge in September, 1864.

Mr. Smith served as a Trustee of York township nearly six years, from April, 1885, to December, 1890, when he resigned, being elected County Commissioner for three years, commencing January 1, 1891. To the latter office he was re-elected in the fall of 1893, for another term of three years. His first majority was 800 and his second 1,300. In the autumn of 1889 he was elected Land Appraiser of the same township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the owner of 240 acres of land, and resides in the southern portion of York township. His duty to both church and state he has always held as sacred, responding liberally with his means for their support. For twenty years he has been Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school.

The parents of Mrs. Smith are natives of Massachusetts, who, about the year 1833, came to Union county, Ohio, and located there a short time, when they removed to Logan county, where they now reside.

JAMES FLEMING, a prominent farmer of Peru township, Morrow county, is a son of Isaac Fleming, a native of Pennsylvania, and a son of Henry and Lovisa (Sackett) Fleming. The latter died in Pennsylvania. Henry Fleming came to Ohio in 1814 with his eldest son, William, where he was among the early pioneers. He cleared his farm, and died there in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming had four sons, viz: William, who married Catherine Wyan, and had fourteen children, seven now living; Isaac, the father of our subject; John, who married Annie Keene, and had seven children, three now living; and James married Lydia Lilly. All four sons died in this locality.

Isaac Fleming was born in 1794. He came to Ohio in 1816, locating just north of where our subject now lives. He married Elizabeth Wyan, born in Pennsylvania in 1797, a daughter of John Wyan, whose death occurred in that State. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming had seven children. The eldest, Sarah Ann, married Nehemiah White, both now deceased, and they had three children, —William, Elizabeth Daily and James. Benjamin was the next in order of birth, and his sketch appears in this work. The third child, James, is the subject of this sketch. Washington, deceased, married Rebecca Minter. Lydia, deceased, was the wife of David Hatton, and they had the following children: John, Delilah Green, George, Sidney, Chloe Baldwin, Marion and Harvey. By her first husband, Christopher McCornber, she had two children, Sarah Jane Zent and Edwin. The sixth child in order of birth, Nelson, married Elizabeth Barton, and resides in Brown township, Delaware county; Sidney married Lydia McDaniel, deceased, and they had three children,—Harry, Fred and Mary. For his second wife he married Emma Clark, and they reside in Brown township. Isaac Fleming died at the age

of seventy-eight years, and his wife died at the age of seventy-four years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. In political matters the father affiliated with the Democratic party, and served as Justice of the Peace and Township Clerk for many years.

James Fleming, the subject of this sketch, was born on the old homestead in this county, January 27, 1824, where he also grew to manhood. After his marriage he farmed on rented land in Brown township, Delaware county, three years, and then came to his present place. He now owns 340 acres of land in Morrow county, and 173 acres in Delaware county, all under a fine state of cultivation. With the exception of 143 acres, Mr. Fleming has earned all he now owns. In his political relations he affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served as School Director and Road Supervisor for many years.

November 6, 1847, our subject was united in marriage with Rachel Heverlo, a daughter of William and Maria (Lancaster) Heverlo, natives respectively of the State of Delaware, and of Peru township, Clinton county, New York. The father was a son of Andrew Heverlo, who located in Berlin township, Delaware county, Ohio. William Heverlo came to Peru township, then Delaware county, where he purchased and improved a farm. His death occurred August 29, 1834, aged forty-two years. The mother is still living, aged eighty-nine years, and makes her home with her children. They were the parents of five children, three now living, — Mrs. Fleming; Jackson, of Eden Station, Ohio; and William, of California. The father was identified with the Democratic party, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a member of the Baptist Church. After his death the mother was married a second time, and had three sons, all soldiers in the civil war, and two of them died in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have had nine children, seven now living, namely: Albert married Jane McDaniel, and has two sons; Hattie, wife of David Hickson, and they have two sons and four daughters; Wilbur married Effie Mason, and has two sons; Lester married Ettie Channel, and has one son; Harper married Jennie Foster, and has two daughters; Ona is the husband of Orpha Taylor; and Myrtle married Bert Bunker, and they have one son. They have two children deceased. Maria was the wife of Leroy Gale, who served in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the late war. They have eleven children living,—Lavina, Almon, Wesley, Rachel, Lester, Kittie, Herbert, La Fayette, Margaret, Cisely, and Bessie. The second child, Lizzie, died at the age of four years. The family are members of the Advent Christian Church, in which Mr. Fleming is Trustee.

JOHN C. GUTHRIE.—A native son of the Buckeye State, one who has held conspicuous preferment as Postmaster of the city of Marysville, and one who is numbered among the representative and most progressive business men in said thriving city, our subject well merits consideration in this connection.

The parents of Mr. Guthrie were John and Mary (Kerr) Guthrie, both of whom were natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and both of whom are now deceased, the demise of the former occurring in Licking county, Ohio, in the fall of 1875, he at

the time being a guest at the home of his daughter; the widowed mother survived until 1891. Early in life John Guthrie was engaged in blacksmithing, but later on turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, continuing to till the soil for many years. For four years prior to his death he was engaged in the grocery business in Marysville, having made his home in Union county from 1857 until the time of his dissolution. He was a man of strong convictions and unwavering integrity, and was respected by all who placed a true valuation upon the honest and earnest character which was his. Zealous in his support of the Republican party and its principles, he was a most vital anti-slavery man during the troubled hours leading up to the great civil conflict when this principle of ethics was at stake. He was fearless in his utterances and indefatigable in his efforts to aid the Union cause, being prominently identified with the operation of the famous "underground railway" during the war. He was an ardent temperance advocate, and was for many years actively identified with the Congregational Church.

To John and Mary Guthrie eleven children were born, and of this number only four are living at the present time, namely: Harriet B., wife of O. M. Scott, of Marysville; Sarah J., wife of C. H. Cherry, who is in Government employ as a railway postal clerk, his residence being at Newark, Ohio; Phœbe E., wife of Rev. M. K. Pasco, of Kentucky; and our subject, who was the youngest child.

John C. Guthrie, the direct subject of this review, was born in Licking county, this State, March 18, 1855, having accompanied his parents to Union county when he was about five years of age. He grew up on the farm, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of nineteen he entered the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, at Marysville, and remained until he had acquired the art of telegraphy, after which he was retained by the company as an operator for some three years, being located in Marysville the major portion of the time. He was next engaged for a time in clerical work, being in the employ of his brother-in-law, O. M. Scott, who was engaged in business in Marysville. After a brief incumbency in this line he secured a position as a salesman in the clothing establishment of Samuel Stern, later on accepting a similar position in the employ of J. L. Boerger, who was and is still engaged in the same line of trade in Marysville. This clerkship he held continuously until 1890, when he was appointed Postmaster at Marysville, as will be noted later on.

An active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, he gained local preferment as incumbent in the offices of Township Clerk and Corporation Clerk. March 7, 1890, he received the appointment as Postmaster of Marysville, which office he filled most acceptably until April 7, 1894, when he stepped down and out, by reason of the change in the national administration, the Democratic party coming into power. Within the term of his service as Postmaster Mr. Guthrie made an official inspection of all the postoffices in the county and made a report of the same to the department at Washington. Through his efforts while in this office, he succeeded in securing an advance in the salary of the Postmaster here from $1,600 to $1,800 per annum.

After his retirement from official life Mr. Guthrie entered into a copartnership with Mr. Elan Smith and effected a pur-

chase of the stock and business of the Climax Clothing Company, in Marysville, since which time the enterprise has been most successfully conducted under the firm name of Smith & Guthrie, the well equipped salesrooms, in which are displayed at all times a fine line of clothing, hats, caps and men's furnishings, being centrally and eligibly located at the northwest corner of the public square.

The marriage of Mr. Guthrie was celebrated in this city, October 3, 1878, when he espoused Miss Effie B. Price, daughter of ex-Sheriff Price, of this county. Our subject and wife are the parents of two children: Alice Lucile and Walter Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie are members of the Presbyterian Church. Their pleasant home is located on West Sixth street, in one of the most attractive residence quarters of the city.

In concluding we will state that our subject is identified with two fraternal orders, being a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M., and of Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias, his connection with the latter society dating back fifteen years, and in the same he has passed all the chairs.

HARRY E. SMITH, who merits specific recognition as one of the talented and progressive young business men of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, and whose ability in the line of his profession is beyond cavil, is the leading photographist of the city, having given his entire attention to the work, which is both an art and a science, since 1886.

He is a native of Marysville, and here the major portion of his life has been passed. He was born November 8, 1870, the son of Elan and Jennie (Converse) Smith, and he was reared in Marysville and here received his literary education, graduating at the high school as a member of the class of 1889. His father was engaged in the photographic business for many years and was recognized as a most capable artist long before the present improved dry-plate process was brought into use. While still a mere youth our subject began the study of photography under the effective preceptorship of his father, who was then operating the studio over which his son now has control. After his graduation from the high school Harry decided to follow in the paternal footsteps and to make photography his life work. He was ambitious and was determined that nothing short of the highest possible attainments in the line of his art would satisfy him, as he was fully cognizant of its wider possibilities. With a view to perfecting himself in the practical and latest approved details of photography, he left Marysville in July, 1889, and went to Aurora, Illinois, where he secured a position in the studio of Pratt, the leading artist of that section. He devoted his attention principally to retouching and printing and remained there somewhat more than a year, after which he entered the employ of C. E. Aiken, a most talented artist in that aristocratic suburb of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois. He here retained a position as operator for some eight months, and was then compelled to come home, having met with an accident which so crippled his ankle as to render it impossible for him to continue his work. After he had recovered his wonted physical vigor he returned to the Pratt studio, at Aurora, but remained but a short time, having seen his way to the

securing of a position with Peck, of Hamilton, this State, a photographer of wide reputation as one of the best in the Union.

Mr. Smith remained there until January, 1892, when he once more returned to Marysville and accepted a half interest in the business conducted by his father, the firm name becoming Elan Smith & Son. This association was continued until the present year (1894), when our subject secured full control of the enterprise, which is being most successfully conducted under his direction. The studio does all classes of photographic work and the proprietor also makes a specialty of crayon and sepia portraiture, in which lines he is personally a fine artist. The studio is centrally located, its parlors and reception room being tastefully fitted up, and the operating room having the most elegant accessories for facilitating the work and lending to artistic ensembles. The work turned out is of the highest order of excellence and Mr. Smith's knowledge of the art is such as enables him to compete successfully with the leading photographists of the metropolitan centers, for he has profited by the excellent experience in representative establishments, has a native artistic temperament, and is ever studying to secure new effects by experimentation in lighting, posing and by chemical manipulations. He is a member of the National Photographers' Association and of the State Association, at whose conventions he enters into competition for prizes on work.

Mr. Smith's marriage was consummated September 7, 1893, when he led to the altar Miss Emily Gertrude Robinson, one of Marysville's most accomplished and popular young ladies and the daughter of Colonel A. B. and Mrs. Kissie (Wilkins) Robinson, honored residents of this city, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Smith graduated at the Marysville high school as a member of the same class as was her husband, and she also graduated at the Wooster University, at Wooster, this State, in 1893. She is a member of the grand council of the ladies' college fraternity, the Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our subject and his wife have one child, Martha Eva.

WILLIAM G. SNODGRASS, a prominent resident of Marysville, Ohio, where he fills the important and exacting office of Sheriff of Union county, is a native of the county in which his shrievalty is being served, having been born in Jerome township, November 19, 1839, the son of Samuel and Agnes (Morrison) Snodgrass, the former of whom was born in Union township, this county, being the son of Robert Snodgrass, who was one of the very earliest settlers in the county and a man of much prominence at that period. He developed a farm by clearing away the virgin forest which possessed the land and it is worthy of recalling that he served on the first jury ever empanelled in Union county. His family comprised six children,—four boys and two girls, and his third son, Robert, was the first male white child born in Union township. From the earliest settlement of the county, then, has the history of the Snodgrass family been linked therewith, and well may the present and future generations revert with pride and satisfaction to the annals of the pioneer days and to the record left by their ancestors.

Samuel Snodgrass, father of our subject, was reared in this county and here the

greater portion of his life was passed. He learned the carpenter's trade and devoted himself to this vocation for many years. He was a man of strong character, true to his convictions and honored for his unimpeachable integrity. In politics he was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party identified himself with the same and continued his allegiance therewith for the remainder of his days; in religion he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife. Both he and his wife are deceased.

Samuel and Agnes Snodgrass became the parents of six children, of whom we offer the following record: Alvin is a resident of Minneapolis, Kansas; William is the subject of this review; David died in 1862; John resides at Colton, California; Ann G. is the wife of Dr. Spencer Garwood, of Milford Centre, this county; James is a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; and one son died in infancy.

William G. Snodgrass, subject of this review, is now the only male representative of his father's family in this county. He worked on the farm, attending the district schools during the winter months, until the late civil war was precipitated upon a divided nation, when he determined to do his part toward maintaining the supremacy of the Union, and accordingly, on the 9th of August, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with his regiment until July 20, 1865, when he was mustered out, at Louisville, Kentucky, receiving his balance of pay and his discharge at Columbus, this State, August 1 of the same year. He was made Corporal of his company, and by successive promotions held the offices of Sergeant, First Sergeant and Second Lieutenant, receiving his commission for the last office only a few months prior to his discharge. He was a valiant soldier and never shirked a duty. The records show that he participated in the following engagements: McDowell, May 8, 1862; Cross Keys, Virginia, June 8, 1862; Harper's Ferry, September 15, 1862; he then passed along and participated in the Vicksburg campaign, being a member of General John A. Logan's division, which was ever notable as always to the front. At Champion Hills our subject's regiment effected the capture of the First Mississippi Battery. After the Vicksburg campaign Mr. Snodgrass re-enlisted as a member of the same company and regiment, and was with Sherman on his ever-memorable march to the sea. His regiment was in the heaviest of the fight on July 22, when McPherson was killed. Mr. Snodgrass was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, but was forthwith paroled. After the great conflict was ended our subject participated with his regiment in the grand review at Washington.

After the war he once more took up his residence in this county and worked with his father at the carpenter's trade until the time of his marriage, which occurred November 19, 1870, when he wedded Miss Josephine Colver, daughter of Standish Colver, one of the pioneers of Union county. After his marriage he began farming in Champaign county and there remained for a period of sixteen years, after which he once more returned to his native county, engaging in agricultural pursuits here for seven years,—that is, up to 1892, when he was chosen as the candidate of his party for Sheriff of the county, a position for whose holding he was most particularly qualified. He was duly elected and has since been the

incumbent, proving a careful and discriminating officer and never transcending the functions of his office. That he has been a man whose character has ever been such as to gain him confidence is not more clearly shown, perhaps, than in one instance which we may mention. After the war service was ended he was chosen by the members of his company, at Louisville, Kentucky, to receive and bring home the pay roll of the company, which same represented many hundreds of dollars,—a fact significant in itself and its implication. It is also worthy of note that he is at the present time president of his company's regimental organization.

Mr. Snodgrass held the office as Trustee of Union township for a number of years. He was a member of the Soldiers' Relief Commission from the time the same was created until his election as Sheriff; he was also for a term of years a member of the School Board of his township. Fraternally our subject is identified with Ransom Reed Post, G. A. R., of Marysville; with the Masonic order, being a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 158, Marysville Chapter, No. 99, and Rapier Commandery, No. 19, of Urbana; he also retains a membership in Marysville Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias, and in the Union Veterans' Legion, at Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass have three children: Frank B., Lucy, and William H.

AARON JULIAN, a prominent farmer of Peru township, Morrow county, is a son of John and Margaret (Hedge) Julian. The mother was a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Aaron Hedge. The grandfather of our subject, John Julian, was of Welsh descent. John Julian, Jr., came to Ohio in 1800, locating in the woods twelve miles east of Circleville, Pickaway county, and lived for a time in a sugar camp. He married for his first wife Allie Hedge, and their children are all now deceased. In 1835 he removed to Peru township, Morrow county, locating on the farm now owned by our subject. He bought 100 acres, of which he cleared thirty-five acres. Mr. and Mrs. Julian had nine children, four now living: Aaron, our subject; Sarah, now Mrs. Baughman, of Union county, Ohio, and has two children; Samuel, of Delaware county; and Margaret, a widow, resides in Madison county. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a Democrat in his political views.

Aaron Julian, the subject of this sketch, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, August 4, 1822, but received his education in Peru township. He began work for himself by farming on rented land in this township for five years, after which he bought eighty acres of land here, but afterward moved to West Liberty, next returned to his old home farm, and in 1870 came to his present farm of 217 acres. His place is under a fine state of cultivation, and he is engaged in general farming. In political matters Mr. Julian is a life-long Democrat, and has voted fifty-one times, never having missed an election. He has served as Justice of the Peace, as Township Trustee, and for the past forty years has held the position of School Director.

In 1854 Mr. Julian was united in marriage with Lucinda Hancock, and they have had five children, three now living, viz.: Willis C., who married Carrie Steward, and resides in Peru township; Edgar married Dora Daston, and lives with his father, and

Lillian, wife of Frank Steward, of this township. Mrs. Julian was reared in the Quaker faith.

DR. E. G. GRAY, one of the leading medical practictioners of South Woodbury, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, March 7, 1867, son of James Gray, a native also of this State, of Irish descent, and a farmer in Porter township, Delaware county. His father, James Gray, came from Pennsylvania to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in an early day, and thence to Delaware county. Our subject's mother, *née* Ellen Riggle, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William and Mary Riggle, natives also of that State. She came with her mother to Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. James Gray were married in Delaware county, and located in Porter township, where they still reside. They are the parents of six children,—Minerva, wife of Pat Trimmer, of Logan county, Ohio; Mary, deceased; Alice, wife of Daniel Beard, of Porter township; George E., who married Josie Cooney, and resides in Porter township; Elmer G., our subject; and Ethel, deceased at the age of eighteen months.

Dr. Gray was reared on his father's farm, attended the district schools, also the Galion College, and completed his preparatory course in the Lebanon Normal. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching, following that occupation five years, and during that time also studied medicine with Dr. G. F. Foster, of Olive Green, Delaware county. In 1892 he completed a course of lectures at Columbus Medical College, and in the same year located at South Woodbury, where he has ever since been actively engaged in the practice of medicine.

The Doctor was married in 1889, to Addie Huddeston, a native of Knox county, Ohio, and a daughter of Lucius and Marietta Huddeston. They are the parents of three children,—Nora, Fred, and Eddie.

CHARLES E. DAVIS,—We now direct attention to the life history of one who has held conspicuous position at the head of one of the most important and unique manufacturing industries of Marysville, Union county, Ohio,—the product of said manufactory being the practical expansion of an invention of his own,—a man whose influence in the musical world has been marked and whose talent in that line is of high order.

A native of the Buckeye State, Charles E. Davis was born on the paternal farmstead in Franklin county, September 19, 1852, the son of Charles and Catherine Davis, both of whom date their nativity in Franklin county and both of whom are of Welsh extraction. Our subject grew up on the farm and attended the district schools until he had attained the age of sixteen years, when he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, where he continued his studies for two years, after which he matriculated in the Baxter University in New York city, and there remained for another two years. He then returned to Ohio and for two years gave his attention to teaching in district schools, after which he once more gave himself to subjective educational work, entering Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio, where he continued his study for six years, devoting the final two years

almost entirely to the study of music, for which he had marked native talent and appreciation. In connection with his musical work he also carried along a line of special study in a literary way.

Leaving Oberlin in 1879, Mr. Davis went to Columbus, this State, and was there engaged for three years in teaching both vocal and instrumental music, proving a most efficient instructor and putting to practical test the thoroughness of his knowledge in both theoretical and executive music. He then married and continued to teach in a private way until 1888, when he accpeted a position as instructor in the musical department of Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, where he remained until 1890. The succeeding two years Mr. and Mrs. Davis passed in that great art center, Boston, Massachusetts, where they took a special course in music. Within this time Mr. Davis conceived the idea of the piano chair, which he subsequently perfected, and patented. In 1892 Mr. Davis came to Marysville and, enlisting local capital in his enterprise, effected the organization of the Davis Chair Company, which at once secured the necessary mechanical equipment and began manufacturing his invention. The products of the factory were soon placed on the market, and such was the manifest superiority of the Davis chair that its introduction into all sections of the Union was most rapid. It would be incongruous in this connection to enter into details concerning our subject's invention, but we may state briefly the fact that the various styles of chairs manufactured have a spring back whose adjustment is automatic, proving a boon to those who give attention to practice on the piano, as well as those who use the sewing machine, typewriter, or are otherwise employed at any work which requires long sitting in one position. There have been many devices in the line of piano chairs, but this is conceded to be the only one that approaches perfection when a practical test is applied.

Mr. Davis was married in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in March, 1883, to Miss Minnie Castle, daughter of Dr. A. B. Castle, who is now a resident of Columbus, this State. Mrs. Davis has given her attention to music since she was a child of thirteen years, and is a most skillful pianist and vocalist, possessing a finely trained contralto voice of excellent timbre. She was engaged in teaching music for a number of years, and after her marriage was also connected with the musical department of Otterbein University, in company with Mr. Davis.

It was but natural that our subject and his wife should have at once taken a leading position in the social and musical circles of Marysville, and in the latter their influence and enthusiasm did much to advance local musical interests. They were prominently identified with the Married People's Musical Society, an association representative of much talent. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have one child, Miriam. In politics Mr. Davis is a stanch Republican.

In August, 1894, Mr. Davis disposed of his working interest in the Davis Chair Company, and with his family removed to Boston, where they now reside, devoting their attention entirely to music, in which line their success is assured, while from such work they will derive the maximum of satisfaction and pleasure, surrounded by the best musical atmosphere that our country affords.

A. WHITNEY, County Auditor, Mount Gilead, Ohio, is ranked with the self-made men of Morrow county, and it is with pleasure that we present the following sketch of his life in this work:

Mr. Whitney's father, Lyman Banks Whitney, was born in Connecticut, one of the eight children of Samuel Whitney, also a native of that State, and Lyman B. was a small boy when he came with his parents to Ohio. Here he grew up and was married to Elizabeth Vail, the eldest of a family of ten children. She was born in Morrow county, Ohio, daughter of B. T. Vail, a native of New York and an early settler of this county. After their marriage they settled in Bloomfield, and he engaged in business, being one of the first merchants of the village. About 1840 he moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he continued in business until his death, which occurred in October, 1842, at the early age of twenty-three years.

A. A. Whitney was born in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, January 18, 1842, and was only a few months old when his father died. After that sad event, the mother took her only child and returned to Bloomfield, where he remained with her until he was ten years of age. His first schooling was in the district school at Vail's Crossroads, in Bennington township, this crossroads being named in honor of his grandfather, who at one time kept a hotel there. He afterward attended the Sparta, Chesterville and Mount Gilead schools, and from the time he was thirteen he made his own way in the world. His first work was in the woolen mills of Mount Gilead. At sixteen he began clerking for Burr Russell, and spent one year in his store at Sparta, and after that accepted a clerkship in a store at Mount Vernon, where he remained in the employ of one man for sixteen years and seventeen days. Next we find him at Sparta. There he opened a general store on his own account and carried on business at that point for ten years.

In 1889 he was elected County Auditor, and that same year moved to Mount Gilead, where he has since resided, now being the incumbent of the Auditor's office, and the only Democrat in office in the county. As an official he has rendered a high degree of satisfaction, his duty here, as elsewhere, being performed with the strictest fidelity. At this writing Mr. Whitney is a director of the Morrow County Bank.

He was married in 1876 to Miss Jennie Henderson, of Mount Vernon, who died some years later, leaving three children, viz: Allen Banks, Clarence Chester, and Horace Warren. For his second wife he married her sister, Miss Ella Henderson.

Mr. Whitney is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Commandery at Mount Vernon, and of the Consistory at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also identified with the Odd Fellows at Mount Gilead and the Knights of Honor at Mount Vernon. In church and Sabbath-school work he is prominent and active, being a Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church and Superintendent of the Sunday-school at Mount Gilead.

DANIEL KREIS, a prominent farmer of Cardington township, was born in Richland township, Marion county, Ohio, August 20, 1859. His father, Jacob Kreis, was born in Baden, Germany, where he remained until sixteen years of age, and then came alone to America, landing at Baltimore,

Maryland, with only $1 in his pocket. He worked on a farm in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, for three years, receiving $5 per month and board. He was there married, and shortly afterward came to Marion county, Ohio, in a one-horse wagon, locating in Richland township. He traded his horse and wagon in part payment for a forty-acre farm, on which he built a log house. Mr. Kreis then left his wife in charge of the place, and began work on the National Pike, near Dayton, Ohio, receiving 50 cents per day, and walked back and forth every two weeks to his home. In that way he earned the money to pay the balance on his farm. He added to his place from time to time, until in 1859 he owned 900 acres. In 1862 Mr. Kreis removed to Cardington township, and located on a farm known as the Brooks farm, east of Cardington city. In 1870 he erected and moved into a fine brick residence in that city. His first business venture there was the opening of a hardware store, which he conducted about thirty years, and was also engaged in the dry-goods and clothing business. At one time he was president of the Cardington Banking Company, and was a stockholder in the National Bank of Galion, and in the First National Bank of Cardington. Mr. Kreis built what is known as the J. Kreis Block in Cardington, the best business place in the city, and was also owner of a large brick block in Columbus.

He was united in marriage with Miss Helena Smith, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. When very young she was bound out, and but little can be learned of her parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Kreis were the parents of ten children, namely: Joseph (deceased), Jacob, Elizabeth, Helena (deceased), George (who represented Morrow county in the State Legislature four years), John, Cassius (deceased), Mary, Daniel and Samuel. Mr. Kreis was a Democrat in his political views, and was a member of the City Council at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884, in his seventy-fourth year. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. Mrs. Kreis also departed this life in her seventy-fourth year.

Daniel Kreis, the subject of this sketch, was three years of age when he came to Morrow county, and his education was completed in the Cardington schools. He commenced clerking for his father when fourteen years old, remaining with him two years after his marriage. In 1885 he located on his present farm of seventy-six and a half acres, and, in addition to general farming, makes a specialty of Shropshire sheep. In political matters he affiliates with the Democratic party, and for four years held the office of Assessor, having been elected in a Republican district of 300 majority. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Cardington Lodge, No. 427.

Mr. Kreis was married in November, 1882, to Anna Smith, who was born and reared in Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of Ferdinand Smith, a prominent business man of that city. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted son, Earl Ferdinand.

CHARLES LEROY RUSSELL, Postmaster of Mount Gilead and senior member of the clothing firm of Russell & Sims, was born in this city March 17, 1857, and has been identified with its interests all his life.

Mr. Russell's grandfather, Charles Rus-

sell, was born in Virginia in 1792, and in 1831 came to Ohio and located on a farm near Mount Gilead, where he spent the rest of his life, and where he died in January, 1872. His son, B. S. Russell, the father of our subject, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, September 3, 1828, and was three years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio. When he grew up he learned the trade of tailor, and was one of the first merchants of Mount Gilead, where he was in business for a number of years. He now resides on the farm on which his father located when first coming to Ohio. The mother of our subject was before her marriage Miss Melinda Ackerman. She was one of a large family of children, and was reared by a Mrs. King, of Delaware county. The Ackermans are of German descent. B. S. Russell and his wife have had eight children, two of whom died when young. Those living are: Mrs. Belle Mills, widow of W. S. Mills, she being a noted singer of Columbus, Ohio; Charles Leroy, whose name heads this article; Mrs. Maggie Randolph, wife of Chas. E. Randolph, Springfield, Ohio; Edward B., a clerk in his brother's store at Mount Gilead; Mrs. Kate Kuqua, wife of Elmer E. Kuqua, a member of the firm of Kuqua & Son, manufacturers of carriages and buggies, Springfield, Ohio; and Mrs. Blanch Brollier, wife of Arthur Brollier, Mount Gilead.

Charles Leroy Russell began working at the tailor's trade when he was twelve years old and has been in a store ever since, working for his father for some years. The firm of Russell & Sims was formed in 1880 and continued successfully, Mr. Russell's long experience in the business giving him a thorough knowledge of its every detail.

In 1871 Mr. Russell was married to Susan Mooney, of Cardington, Ohio, daughter of M. L. Mooney, deceased. Her father was one of the pioneers of that place, was the first to engage in the drug business there, and was in business for thirty years or more. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have two children,—Clarence B., born in 1884; and Ethel Corinne, in 1888.

Fraternally he is identified with Masonic Lodge, No. 206, and Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M. Politically he is a Democrat. April 17, 1894, he received the appointment of Postmaster of Mount Gilead, and is now serving most efficiently in this position.

JOSEPH HOBSON, a venerable citizen of Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, and for forty years identified with the ministry of the Friends' Church, forms the subject of this article.

Mr. Hobson's father, Joseph Hobson, was a native of Maryland and a son of Joseph Hobson, the latter emigrating to Jefferson county, Ohio, about 1800 and making permanent settlement on a half section of land, he being one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the community. The mother of our subject was before her marriage Miss Rebecca Talbut, she being a native of Maryland and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Johns) Talbut. She first came to Ohio with her brother Joseph about 1800 and settled in Jefferson county. She and Mr. Hobson, however, were married in Pennsylvania, and they made the trip from there on horseback to Jefferson county, taking up their abode on a piece of land owned by his father in a Friends' settlement. There he

ran a mill for a few years, and afterward removed to Stark county and settled on a piece of land his father had entered for him. This tract he cleared up and developed into a farm, and on it he died in 1828 or '29, leaving a widow and seven children, five sons and two daughters. The mother kept her children together and returned with them to Jefferson county, where she bought a small farm and resided for many years. Only two of the family are now living, Joseph and Abraham J., the latter still a resident of Jefferson county.

Joseph Hobson was born December 14, 1818, in Stark county, Ohio, and remained with his mother until he was nineteen years of age, his educational advantages being limited to the common schools. Leaving home, he went to Columbiana county, Ohio, and for two years cultivated a farm there on shares. In 1842 he came to Morrow county, then a part of Marion county, making the journey here on horseback, and at that time having no capital save his willing hand. April 27, 1842, he married Miss Amy P. Stanley, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, born July 30, 1815, daughter of James and Rhoda (Cobbs) Stanley, her family having settled in this county in the spring of 1839. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hobson located on forty-eight acres of land, the property now owned by Nelson Newsom, and from there removed to his present farm in 1850. At one time he owned 160 acres here, but has disposed of thirty acres of it. He cleared the greater part of this farm and made all the improvements upon it, including buildings, fences, etc , and now, in their old age, he and his good wife are enjoying the fruits of their honest toil, and are surrounded with all the comforts of life. They have had six children, four of whom are living, namely: Rhoda A. Goodman, Thomas C., Elizabeth T., and Louisa.

As above stated, Mr. Hobson has been a minister in the Friends' Church for forty years, and until recently he has had active work. By his own plain, Christian life he has exemplified the truths he has so earnestly taught, and few have exerted a greater influence for good than has Joseph Hobson. In his early life he was an Abolitionist, and took an active part in that movement. He has always been a temperance man, and is now identified with the Prohibition party, and, indeed, throughout his whole life, his influence has ever been directed on the side of truth and right.

FIELDING A. THOMPSON, who is deserving of specific mention in connection with a review of the life histories of the leading professional men of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, is an attorney of marked ability and one whose relative precedence among the younger barristers of the county cannot but be conceded.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Union county, having been born in Mill Creek township, March 5, 1862, son of Andrew J. and Lauvina (Farnum) Thompson, who are respectively of English and Irish lineage. The father is at the present time a resident of Dover township, this county, where he conducts a fine farm. Our subject thus springs from that sturdy, honorable element of our social fabric whose pursuits have been those incidental to the cultivation of the soil, whose affection for the productive fields comes as a direct heritage to those in

whom courses the Aryan blood. He was born on the farm and was reared to agricultural pursuits, in the meanwhile enforcing his character with those attributes of character, honesty, probity and independence, which seem the natural concomitant outgrowth of such a life.

The early education of our subject was secured in the district schools, and at the age of twenty-one he put his acquired knowledge to a practical test by teaching school for one term. He then entered the Northwestern University, at Ada, Ohio, where he completed a two years' course of study, immediately thereafter taking up the reading of the law in the office and under the preceptorage of Porter & Porter, prominent attorneys of Marysville. He remained with this firm until October, 1892, when he was admitted to the bar, having devoted himself closely to his professional studies and having acquired a more intimate knowledge of legal jurisprudence, rulings and essential principles than is usually secured by the student in the average law school.

In May, 1892, Mr. Thompson opened an office in Marysville, and at once entered into the general practice of his profession. He is progressive and enterprising, is devoted to his work, and has met with a due quota of success in the retaining of a representative clientage. His office is located at the southwest corner of the public square.

In his political proclivities our subject is a Democrat, and is an active worker iu the cause of his party. In 1893 he was placed in nomination for Prosecuting Attorney of the county, made an excellent run, but was defeated, it being impossible to overcome the very large Republican majority which the county has always rolled up.

LEROY PERFECT, who is engaged in the livery business in Sunbury as a member of the firm of Perfect & Culver, is numbered among the native sons of Delaware county, his birth having here occurred on the 31st of January, 1835. His father, Middleton Perfect, was a native of Kentucky, and when a lad of five summers, he was brought by his parents to the Buckeye State, the family locating in Delaware county, where he was reared to manhood in the usual manner of farmer lads. Having attained to years of maturity, he was united in marriage with Miss Huldah Patrick, who was born in Pennsylvania. They became the parents of a family of five sons and five daughters,—Norman, Drusilla, Sarah, Leroy, Amelia Cornelia, Wayman, Truman, Jane and Winfield Scott. Of this number Cornelia and Winfield are now deceased. The father of this family was a Whig in early life, but when the Republican party sprang into existence, he joined its ranks and voted with it during his remaining days. His death occurred in November, 1891; his wife is also deceased. She was a consistent member of the Christian Church and a most estimable lady.

Mr. Perfect, of this sketch, soon became familiar with the duties of farm life, aiding in the cultivation of his father's land during the greater part of his minority. His school privileges were somewhat limited. His first business venture was in buying, selling and shipping horses, and from this he branched out into the livery business, which he is now successfully following in Sunbury, as a member of the firm of Perfect & Culver. Their stable is a well-appointed one, furnished with first class equipments along that line, and their liberal patronage is well deserved.

Turning from the public to the private life of Mr. Perfect, we note that he led to the marriage altar, Miss Lyde Selby, daughter of Amos Selby. One son has been born of this union, Clyde, who is now employed as a salesman in a grocery store in Delaware.

In his political views Mr. Perfect is a Republican, and by his ballot supports the men and measures of that party, but he has never sought office for himself, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. Socially he is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge of Sunbury. He takes an active and commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community and is recognized as a valued citizen.

HENRY S. CULVER, ex-Mayor of the city of Delaware, Ohio, was elected to this honorable and responsible office in the spring of 1890, having been a resident of the city since the centennial year, 1876, when he located here and established himself in the practice of his profession, that of law, forming a professional alliance with Mr. Frank Marriott and remaining thus associated for the period of one year, after which, in 1878, he was elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of the county, and served in that capacity until 1882, proving one of the most able incumbents the county had ever retained in that capacity. In the meantime he associated himself with Mr. C. H. Mc Elroy and this professional partnership continued until our subject had completed his term as Prosecutor, when Mr. McElroy was elected Judge. Since that time Mr. Culver has been alone in his professional work, his practice being one of general order and his clientele being one of distinctively representative character.

He received his preliminary education in the public schools at Sunbury, this county, completing the high-school course. He then attended a commercial college in Cleveland and graduated at the institution, after which he began the work of preparation for that profession which he had determined to follow as his vocation in life. He accordingly went to Columbus and entered the office of Judge G. H. Stewart, and under such favorable and discerning perceptorage he continued his technical studies until 1875, when he was admitted to the bar.

He at once made ready to put his legal acquirements to a practical test, coming to Delaware, where he forthwith entered upon that professional career which has been one of distinction and honor and which has redounded to his credit.

In politics he is stanchly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and has long been an active worker in the cause,—one whose efforts have done much toward advancing party interests in a local way. It is a significant fact that he was the first Republican Mayor the city had had in a number of years, and his administration was one that proved most satisfactory to his constituents, and gained the good will and endorsement of the general public, irrespective of party affiliations. During his regime the city prospered in a material way and its government was directed along safe, conservative lines, the affairs of all departments having felt the influence of the able chief executive. His term expired in 1894. Always ardent in his political work he has occupied a position of prominence in the party ranks and has been a delegate to State

and county conventions on numerous occasions.

In his fraternal affiliations he has secured distinguished official recognition and has manifested a lively interest in the various societies with which he is identified. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Lenape Lodge, No. 29, and was one of the prime movers in effecting the organization of the Uniform Rank of that order in the State, having been the first Major of the Second Regiment, and having passed all the chairs in the order. He organized the first company in the city of Delaware and was made Captain of the same. He is also a member of the Masonic order, Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 88, R. A. M. He has represented his chapter in the Grand Lodge on two different occasions, and is also a member of the National Union, Whetstone Council, No. 393.

Our subject was born at Sunbury, Delaware county, Ohio, April 19, 1854; was reared to the sturdy pursuits and uneventful life of the farm. When he attained the age of seventeen years he put into practical use the scholastic attainments which were his by reason of his discipline in the public schools of Sunbury, engaging in pedagogic labor in district schools for a period of two years, and proving a successful teacher. The more salient points in his subsequent career have already been noted in this connection and there is no need of recapitulation.

Realizing the truth of the prophet's statement, that it is not well for a man to live alone, in 1876 he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Mary D. Sprague, who is a native of Oregon, but who has passed the greater portion of her life in Delaware, this State. She is the daughter of Judge F. B. Sprague, now of Westerville, Ohio, but formerly of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Culver are the parents of four children: Stanley E., Mary Louise, Dorothy and Sidney. Our subject and his wife are members of the Williams Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The parents of Mr. Culver were Sidney and Jane (Carpenter) Culver, both of whom were natives of Delaware county, Ohio. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a Vermont Yankee, his name being Edward Culver. He married and reared a large family of children in Vermont, where he remained until deprived of his wife by death, when he emigrated to Ohio, and here continued in that line of occupation which was his by birthright,—that of farming. After he arrived in Ohio he made the acquaintance of the Widow Stark, *née* Catherine Rosecrans, who came from the Wyoming valley, in Pennsylvania, and in due time a marriage was consummated with this estimable woman. She had reared a large family from her first marriage, but the only offspring of her union to Mr. Culver was one son, Sidney, the father of our subject. The Culver family is of stanch old Puritan stock, while the Rosecrans is of lineage tracing back to Holland.

Sidney Culver was born on the paternal farmstead, in Berkshire township, this county, in November, 1822, and he there grew to manhood, having received his education in the district schools. He and General Rosecrans were playfellows as well as second cousins, and as boys they conned their lessons together before the light of the primitive old fire-place, around which lingers so much of romance and whose glowing shadows fell upon the form of many a boy who attained fame and distinction in the later

years. Sidney Culver remained in the same neighborhood in which he was born during his entire lifetime, and devoted his attention to the noble art of husbandry. He was successful in his efforts and was accounted one of the solid men of that section, being upright and honorable in all his ways and a man of unimpeachable probity. In the latter years of his life he became a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in January, 1893. His wife was also a native of this county, where she was born in October, 1826. She is still living and resides with her daughter in Columbus. Her parents were pioneer residents of Delaware county. Sidney and Jane Culver became the parents of three children: Edward T., who resides on a farm in the eastern part of the county; Susan M., wife of Burns L. Maynard, of Columbus; and Henry S., the immediate subject of this review.

ZACHARIAH R. THORNTON is the genial host of the Byhalia Hotel, of Byhalia, a valued and popular citizen and an honored ex-soldier. The record of his life is as follows: A native of this city, he was born on the 18th of May, 1845, and is a son of Boyd Thornton, who was born in Champaign county, Ohio. His mother bore the maiden name of Elizabeth J. Scott, and was a native of the same county. The parents lived upon a farm, and Zachariah early became familiar with all the duties of farm life, beginning work in the fields at a tender age. The district schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges, which were therefore somewhat limited.

When in his seventeenth year Mr. Thornton responded to his country's call for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion, and in 1861 became a member of Company C, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry. He faithfully served his term and was then honorably discharged, but afterward re-enlisted, in 1864, in Company D, One Hundred and Ninety-second Infantry, with which he remained until the close of the war. He was ever true to the old flag and the cause it represented, and where duty called he was always found.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Thornton was in her maidenhood Miss Emeline Hendricks. Our subject and his wife had one daughter, Laura Jane, who died in December, 1892. She was an intelligent and popular young lady, beloved by all who knew her, and her death has proved a deep loss to her parents and many friends.

In politics Mr. Thornton is a stalwart and earnest Republican, but has never been an aspirant for political honors. Socially he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a lover of fine horses, and owns some of the best roadsters and draft horses in this section of the county. To the hotel business he now devotes the major part of his time and attention, and his frank and cordial manner makes him a favorite with the traveling public.

H. J. LOWER, M. D., who occupies a position of unmistakable prominence as one of the leading citizens of Irwin Station, Union township, Union county, is a man of marked profes-

sional ability, and one who holds distinctive official preferment as Postmaster of the thriving little village in which he resides.

The Doctor is a native son of the Buckeye State, having been born in the vicinity of Coshocton, April 20, 1860. His father, Jacob B. Lower, was one of the successful and influential agriculturists of Coshocton county, where he resided for many years and where he ended his earthly career in December, 1893, having attained the venerable age of sixty-eight years. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Susan Deetz, and she still resides at the old home near Coshocton.

Jacob and Susan Lower became the parents of twelve children,—six sons and six daughters,—and of this family our subject was the sixth in order of birth. His boyhood days were passed on the farm, assisting in the work pertaining thereto and attending the district schools. After this uneventful routine the days passed along until he began to think for himself and to long for broader opportunities than the old farm could offer. His parents were people of much intelligence, and they had instilled in his plastic mind not only the principles of truth and honor, but had taught him to believe in the dignity of industry and to appreciate knowledge from whatever source acquired. He had attended the public schools at Ada, in the vicinity of his home, and at the age of seventeen years he assumed a personal responsibility and began to labor for the accomplishment of his desired end, a good education. He accordingly devoted himself to teaching, and that he proved an efficient and popular instructor needs no other voucher than a statement of the fact that he was retained in pedagogic work for a period of twelve years.

All this time he had been considering ways and means, and, never vascillating in his actions or thoughts, he determined to prepare himself for a professional life and to adopt as his vocation the profession of medicine. He commenced the study of medical science under the preceptorship of Dr. J. W. Winslow, of Spring Mountain, and later continued his study with Dr. Scott Buker, of Spring Mountain.

The funds which he had acquired by his teaching enabled him to complete the course of study in Starling Medical College, at Columbus, where he graduated in 1891, being a member of a class of fifty-six individuals and being one of four to receive the honors at the commencement.

Within the same year the Doctor located at Irwin Station and here entered upon the general practice of his profession. His ability and honest worth gained to him the confidence and esteem of the community and he soon secured a representative support, building up a large practice. To his professional work he still devotes his attention, though he has held official preferment as Postmaster since June, 1893. Politically he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and has been an active worker in the ranks. He has been a member of the School Board for the past two years, and has been one of the most potent factors in securing the systematic grading of the schools at Irwin Station, maintaining at all times a lively interest in educational work and in all that conserves the welfare and normal advancement of the public. Fraternally he is a member of Mechanicsburg Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M., of Mechanicsburg; of Kilbuck Lodge, No. 167, I. O. O. F., of Kilbuck, Holmes county, Ohio; and of Bald Eagle Lodge, No. 124, Improved

Order of Red Men, at Milford Centre. In a professional way he is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society.

Dr. Lower was married, at the age of twenty years, to Miss Nannie M., daughter of Franklin and Eliza Hamontree, of Spring Mountain, Coshocton county, and they have five children,—Clifton, Albion, Dallas, Flossie Fern, and Starling. The Doctor has a fine modern residence, erected at a cost of $1,600, and he also owns three other excellent residence properties at Irwin Station.

Dr. and Mrs. Lower are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the former has for years been a most active Sunday-school worker, having organized a Sunday-school while still a boy in his 'teens and while teaching district school in this county. He is at the present time Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday-school at Irwin Station. A man of deepest honor, sympathetic and charitable, and ever ready with kindly deeds and words, it is but in natural sequence that he enjoys a notable popularity and the esteem of all who know him.

G. F. POLLOCK, Postmaster of Cardington, Ohio, was born in this city August 9, 1868, and is one of the most enterprising and progressive young business men of the place.

H. H. Pollock, his father, is a native of Martinsburg, Ohio, born April 1, 1836, and was left an orphan at the age of fifteen years. A portion of his boyhood days were spent in Champaign county, Illinois, and in early life he learned the trade of blacksmith. During the war his home was in Mount Vernon, Ohio, from which place he came to Cardington in 1867 and engaged in the lumber business. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company A, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Corporal. He served three years, two months and two days, at the end of which time he was honorably discharged. At the battle of Cold Harbor he was wounded in the left arm by a musket ball, which disabled him from afterward following his trade. Some time after the war he went to Lawrence county, Illinois, where he spent five years, and upon his return to Ohio he again settled at Cardington, where he has since resided. At one time he served as Corporation Clerk of Cardington. He is a charter member of James St. John Post, G. A. R., of this place, is connected with the Masonic order, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. The grandfather of our subject was Samuel Pollock. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and beyond this fact little is known of his history.

H. H. Pollock married Caroline Rose, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1846. Her father, George Rose, a native of Orange county, New York, was married in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and from there came direct to Guernsey county, Ohio, where he resided until 1857. That year he came to Cardington. He was of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock had three children, two daughters and a son, the daughters both dying in infancy.

G. F. Pollock graduated in the Cardington high school in 1887, and, after his graduation, accepted a clerkship in the store of Hon. G. Kreis, of Cardington, where he remained until 1890. In January, 1890, he was elected Engrossing Clerk of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of Ohio, and served as such two years. In the spring of

1892 he was elected Mayor of Cardington, which office he filled until July, 1893, when he resigned. He received his appointment as Postmaster, the position he now fills so acceptably, April 2, 1894. He is Democratic in his political affiliations, and has served as Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. Fraternally he is identified with both the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias at Cardington, being the first Chancellor Commander of the latter order.

Mr. Pollock was married July 6, 1894, to Miss Daisy Bartlett, an amiable and accomplished young lady, a graduate of the Cardington high school with the class of 1890. She is a daughter of Elroy and Harriet (Fisk) Bartlett.

GEORGE W. BOLINGER, a farmer of Cardington township, Morrow county, is a son of Peter Bolinger, a native of Three Springs township, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Benjamin Bolinger, also a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject, *née* Sarah Horn, was reared in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Samuel Horn, of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bolinger were married in that State, and in 1833 located in the woods of Franklin township, Marion, now Morrow, county. Several years later they sold that land and bought a farm in Canaan township, but again sold out and went to Van Wert county, where the father died, the mother having departed this life several years previous. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters, five sons and two daughters still surviving: Benjamin, of Marion county, married Sarah Adams; George W., our subject; Mary, wife of Andrew Gear, of Van Wert county, and they have four children; Andrew, of Cardington township, married Matilda Lindsay, and they have four sons and one daughter; Samuel, of Illinois, married Mahala Bartlow, and also has four sons and one daughter; John, of Minnesota, married Harriet Adams, and has three sons and two daughters; and Rebecca, wife of James Miller, of Van Wert county, and they have four sons and three daughters. Two of the sons, Andrew and Benjamin, were soldiers in the late war. In political matters the father affiliated with the Democratic party. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

George W. Bolinger, the subject of this sketch, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1827. When seven years of age he came to Ohio, where he worked for his father until twenty-one years of age, and then learned the carpenter's trade, following the same for twenty-five years. After his marriage he located on a farm in Cardington township, and several years later came to his present farm of 147 acres, all of which he has cleared and put under a fine state of cultivation. He lost his residence by fire two years ago, but soon afterward built another, one of the finest in the township.

In 1849 Mr. Bolinger was united in marriage with Mary Ann Singer, who was born in Ohio in 1829, a sister of W. H. Singer, of this county. To this union have been born eight children, only one now living, Delora, wife of John McClenathan, of Marion county, and they have seven children. In political matters our subject is identified with the Republican party, and has held the of-

fices of Constable, Supervisor and School Director. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic order and the Encampment. Mrs. Bolinger is a member of the Methodist Church.

HARVEY A. JOHNSON, who follows farming in Berkshire township, Delaware county, was born on the place which is still his home, December 19, 1857, and is a son of Harvey and Margaret (Cronkleton) Johnson. The father, now deceased, was a prominent and well-known early settler born in Berlin township, where his father, John Johnson, located in 1805. He first married Julia Hoskins and they became the parents of three children, two yet living,—Mrs. Helen Carmichel, of Paulding county, Ohio, and Mrs. Isabel Sherwood, of Pottawattamie county, Iowa. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Johnson wedded Mrs. Margaret Robinson, a widow and to them were born five children,—Mrs. Lucretia Collins, of Cleveland; Mrs. Emma Oveturf, of Paulding county; Mrs. ElnoreYoung, of Berlin township; H. A., of this sketch; and Julia, wife of E. E. Wolcott, a prominent attorney-at-law of Omaha, Nebraska. By her former marriage Mrs. Johnson had two sons: William who was a soldier in the late war; and George, of Calhoun county, Iowa. In his political views Harvey Johnson, Sr., was a Republican, and in religious belief his wife was a Presbyterian. His death occurred at the age of seventy-four, and she was called to the home beyond when sixty-eight years of age.

Upon the old homestead farm, Mr. Johnson, of this sketch, was reared to manhood, and in the common schools acquired a good English education. He inherited from his father the old farm and is now the owner of 145 acres of valuable land, under a high state of cultivation. The place is improved with a comfortable residence, which stands in the midst of beautiful shade trees, and in the rear of the house is a good barn, 30 x 40 feet, and the other buildings necessary for the shelter of his grain and stock. Well kept fences divide the land into fields of convenient size for pasturage and for cultivation.

On the 31st of May, 1887, Mr. Johnson was married, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Alice Collins, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents, Leroy and Harriet Elizabeth Collins. Her father is engaged in the jewelry business and the family is one of prominence in the city where they reside. Mrs. Johnson is a lady of culture and refinement and presides with grace over her pleasant home. The household is made happy by the presence of a little daughter,—Vera Adelle, born February 10, 1889.

Mr. Johnson is a supporter of the Republican party, and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His wife holds membership with the Presbyterian Church. In manner he is frank and outspoken, in disposition genial and pleasant, and wherever he goes he wins friends, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth. Being ranked among the leading citizens of his township he well deserves representation in this volume.

HON. R. K. WILLIS.—A native of Concord township, Delaware county, Ohio, where he was born September 26, 1843, it is most compatible that there be incorporated in this

volume specific mention of him whose name initiates this review, for he has passed his entire life in the county, has been closely identified with its interests and progress, and has attained to a position of marked prominence and honor.

The father of our subject was B. H. Willis, who was born in Massachusetts, May 4, 1805, in the old paternal homestead which had been in the possession of the family for many years and in which his father, Asa Willis, was also ushered into the world. The family is of English origin, but the fact that the American branch became thoroughly in touch with the independent Colonial spirit is evidenced in the records, which show that the great-grandfather of our subject was an active participant and valiant soldier in the war of 1812. Asa Willis married Susan Howe, who was also a native of the old Bay State, and whose father was a participant in the war of the Revolution.

B. H. Willis, father of our subject, passed his adolescent days in Massachusetts; later on he took up his residence in Vermont, where he remained two years and where he was united in marriage to Susan Bartlett, who was born in Worcester county, Massachusetts, the daughter of Joel Bartlett, a native of the same State and a soldier in the war of 1812. After his marriage, which was celebrated at Dorset, Vermont, B. H. Willis removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he remained two years and then, in 1840, located in Delaware county, where he has continued to reside up to the present time, having attained the venerable age of eighty-nine years (1894). Mrs. Willis obeyed death's inexorable summons in 1889, passing away at the age of eighty-seven years.

They had ten children, namely: Brainard; Jay; Henry; R. K.; Frank; E. R., a prominent clergyman, residing in California; Cornelia, now Mrs. Cutler; Emily S.; J. B., a resident of Boston, Massachusetts; and P. A. The last named served during the late war as Surgeon in the Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his death occurred in April, 1876. Five of the children have been successful and popular school teachers, in which vocation their father and mother had also been engaged in their youth, the latter having been thus engaged in Vermont during a period of seven years. Both parents became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1824, and their lives at all times exemplified in good works the faith professed. The venerable father, in the golden autumn of his days, enjoys the respect and affection of all who have known and appreciated his sterling worth of character.

R. K. Willis, the immediate subject of this review, grew to man's estate in his native county, receiving a good common-school education and gaining even more from the associations of a cultured and refined home. In September, 1863, at the age of twenty years, he went forth in defense of his country's honor, enlisting for service in the late war as a member of the Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but being subsequently transferred to the Eighty-third regiment, with which he served in the Gulf Department. He was honorably discharged in August, 1865, after which he returned home and for a time continued his studies in school.

Since 1868 Mr. Willis has maintained his home on his present farm, which comprises 280 acres of the best land in Liberty township. The place is thoroughly well

improved, and the far-stretching, fertile fields show evidence of the careful and well-directed attention given to their cultivation and bespeak the substantial prosperity of the proprietor. The family residence, which was erected at a cost of $8,000, is situated upon a natural building site, is of modern architecture and provided with modern accessories and improvements,—standing as one of the finest and most attractive country homes in the county. Mr. Willis is progressive and brings the most intelligent methods to bear in carrying on the work of his farm, devoting special attention to the raising of thoroughbred Percheron horses, Red Pollard cattle and Merino Delain sheep.

In his political adherency our subject is strongly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and he has taken an active interest and prominent part in directing the policies of his party in a local way. In 1888 he was elected a Representative to the State Legislature, proving a capable and acceptable official. He was made Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Lower House, but resigned this position in favor of Alexander Betsford. Fraternally Mr. Willis is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an Elder.

Turning briefly to the domestic life of our subject, we find that in 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Tone, the only child of M. B. and Orilla (Goodrich) Tone, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Tone was a man of prominence in Knox county, Ohio, was a pioneer in the raising of sheep in said county, and a prosperous and influential citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Willis had four children: Myrtle, wife of J. E. Morse, of Boston, Massachusetts; Roy E., who is also a resident of that city; Grace O. and Rolla G., who are at home. The wife and mother died February 25, 1892, having been an active temperance worker, a devoted member of the Baptist Church, a true, noble woman, whose loss can only be appreciated by those to whom had been granted the privilege of a closer acquaintanceship, with its consequent high regard and affection. Mr. Willis married for his second wife Miss Mamie, daughter of Andrew J. Harter, of this county, and she now presides over the attractive home.

THE DEPOSIT BANKING COMPANY, of Delaware, Ohio, was organized in November, 1867, and in December of that year commenced business. It had a cash capital of $25,000, and its first officers were as follfollows: President, H. W. Pumphrey; cashier, H. A. Welch; directors, H. W. Pumphrey, J. H. Mendenhall, A. Lybrand, Sr., Prof. W. G. Williams and E. R. Thompson. The second president was J. H. Mendenhall, the third was A. Lybrand, and the last and present is S. P. Shurr. Mr. Welch has been cashier of the bank ever since it was organized, with the exception of two years, when he was its vice-president, and during all this time he has been at the head of its business. The present board of directors is as follows: S. P. Shurr, Samuel Lybrand, W. G. Williams, C. Riddle, W. A. Hall, J. L. Thurston, H. A. Welch. In 1890 the capital stock was increased to $50,000 and the company was incorporated. The first location of the

bank was in the Switzer building, on North Sandusky street; subsequently it was removed to the room south of Hotel Donavin, and since August 1, 1885, it has occupied its present location.

H. A. Welch, cashier of the Deposit Banking Company, of Delaware, Ohio, was born in the town in which he now lives, November 4, 1845, son of Augustus A. and Julia A. (Storm) Welch. He attended the common schools of his native place and for two years was a student in Delaware College. In 1861 he entered the Delaware county branch of the State Bank of Ohio, where he spent five years. Next we find him at Lavaca, Texas, employed in the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army. He was thus occupied about six months and after that spent one year in the employ of J. W. Glenn & Company, forwarding and commission agents.

Upon his return to Delaware, Ohio, Mr. Welch assisted in the organization of the Deposit Bank of Delaware, to which institution he has since given his entire time and attention, the bulk of the business being thrown upon his shoulders. He was the director and auditor of the Delaware Building Association from 1868 until the close of its career. In 1887 he was elected secretary of the People's Building and Loan Association, which position he continues to hold.

Mr. Welch was married in Delaware, Ohio, in 1867, to Miss Mary Myers, who died in 1876, leaving three children, viz.: Frank P., manager of the Delaware Street Railroad; Harriet, wife of W. R. Bennington, a resident of Delaware; and Sidney, a clerk in the bank with his father. His second marriage occurred in 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Laura D. Riley, of Hamilton, Ohio. Their two children are Ada and Julia. Mr. Welch and his family reside on North Sandusky street, and they attend the Episcopal Church.

DR. W. A. KING, who has by his own efforts attained a thorough education in the line of his profession, and who has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in the thriving little city of Marysville, Ohio, since 1881, merits consideration in this connection. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born at New Lebanon, Huron county, in March, 1858. His parents, Leonard and Julia (Turney) King, were of English and Scotch extraction respectively and both are now deceased.

Up to the attainment of his fourteenth year our subject had passed his days in attendance at the district schools of his native county and in the pursuits and pastimes characteristic of the average boy. But to this life so free from care and responsibility came, all too soon, a loss which forced him out into the busy world to care for himself at a premature age. When our subject was but fourteen years old his father died, and upon the shoulders of the boy was placed the burden of self support. The mettle of the individual was shown in this critical period, for he did not quail or waver, but looked the situation bravely in the face and prepared for action. He secured a position as beekeeper in a quite extensive apiary and devoted his spare time to farm work, attending school during the winter months with the aim of preparing himself for a wider field of usefulness.

When about nineteen years of age he began teaching, following this vocation,

however, for but a short time. He was frugal and self-denying during these years, bending every effort toward the securing of a liberal education and preparing himself for the profession to which he had determined to devote his energies. He attended the Lebanon Normal School for one year and thereafter passed two years at the Granville or Dennison University. In 1880 he entered the dental office of his brother, C. T. King, at New London, Ohio, having, prior to this, officiated as his brother's assistant at various intervals. Within the same year he matriculated in the dental department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he took the prescribed course of lectures, locating at Marysville in the following year. Here he has since been continuously engaged in practice, having built up a representative business and having established an enviable reputation for professional ability and honorable methods. His finely equipped offices are located at the corner of Court and Fifth streets.

September 6, 1883, at Marysville, Dr. King was united in marriage to Miss Kate, daughter of William Lee. Dr. and Mrs. King are the parents of three children: Florence, Ella and Kate. The family home is located on South Court street, one of the most attractive residence quarters of the city. In his political proclivities our subject is firmly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles.

ANDREW CATON, a prominent farmer of Morrow county, is a son of Thomas Caton, who was born in Orange county, New York, about 1791. His father, Robert Caton, was a native of Maryland, and was a Quaker minister. Robert, John and Betsey Caton lived in Maryland at the commencement of the Revolutionary war. Robert and John were obliged either to take the oath of allegiance to the British crown or enlist in the Federal army, and both chose the latter. John was appointed carrier of dispatches from one post to another. After the close of the war he united with the regular Baptist Church, and became a minister in the same Robert served as a soldier during the entire struggle, and after the war embraced the Quaker faith. He settled in Orange county, New York, where he reared his family and departed this life. He was married three or four times, Judge John D. Caton, of Ottawa, Illinois, being a son of his last wife. The mother of our subject, formerly Amy Gillis, was a native of Ulster county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caton were married in that county, but made a permanent home in Seneca county, where the father died, in 1838. The mother came with her children to Ohio in 1843, locating near Galion, and her death occurred at Blooming Grove, this State. The family were Quakers. Mr. Caton was a prominent Democrat in political matters, having served as deputy under Sheriff Call, and also held many other offices They were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, and two sons and two daughters are now living, namely: Dollie, aged eighty years, is the widow of Jesse Everett, and has one child; Arthur S., aged seventy-five years, is a resident of Blooming Grove, and has one child; Andrew, the subject of this sketch; Caroline, wife of Sigmond Baker, also of Blooming Grove, and has one child. The two deceased daughters are Mary Baughman and Martha Cummings.

Andrew Caton, the subject of this sketch, was born August 15, 1822, and received his education in the common schools of Seneca county, New York. In 1847 he settled in the heavy timber in Berrien county, Michigan, built a log cabin, and cleared part of that and another farm. In 1853 he left that State and located on the farm now owned by Robert A. Beatty in Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, which was then in its primitive state, but was put under a good condition for cultivation. Mr. Caton removed to Waldo township, Marion county, in 1865, spent the following year in the village of Cardington, in 1867 located in Wayne township, Knox county, and in 1885 came to Chesterville, where he has a fine residence. In political matters Mr. Caton has been a life-long Democrat, and has served as a Councilman six years and also as Trustee of Chester township.

In April, 1847, he was united in marriage with Artemisia Baker, a native of Richland county, Ohio, her father having been one of the earliest settlers in that locality. She died May 19, 1848. October 12, 1848, our subject married Jane Montgomery, born in Troy township, Morrow county, May 22, 1825, a daughter of John and Margaret (Taylor) Montgomery, natives of Jefferson county, Ohio. They located in the woods of Troy township sixty-five years ago, where they were among the pioneer settlers, and where the father subsequently died. One of his brothers was a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother died in Stark county, Ohio, while on a visit to her son. Six of their children grew to years of maturity, and four are now living, namely: Samuel N., of Stark county; Mrs. Caton; Hamilton, a resident of Iowa; and Eliza McKeown, of Cardington township. The parents were members of the Methodist Church, and the father was a stanch Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Caton have had nine children, as follows: J. S., of Cardington, married Elizabeth Woolf, and has one child; Artemisia, deceased; Arthur S., a graduate of Delaware College, and a very fine scholar, married Dottie Moore, and resides in Coshocton, Ohio; A. L., of Chester township, Morrow county, married Mary Lauring; Benjamin F., a resident of Cardington township, married Belle McKeown; Emma J., deceased, was the wife of Thomas Cole; Thomas married Cora Carson, and resides in Chesterville; George S., married Nora Peck, and lives in Coshocton; and Charles W., a resident of this city, married Minnie Hales. Mr. and Mrs. Caton are members of the Baptist Church at Wayne, Ohio, in which the former has served as Trustee and Treasurer for many years.

J. B. DART, who is one of the successful and honored agriculturists of Peru township, Morrow county, Ohio, and who has passed nearly his entire life in this section of the Buckeye State, is well deserving of consideration in this connection.

He was born in Onondaga county, New York, July 7, 1828, the son of Chauncey Dart, who was a native of Connecticut, and whose death occurred in 1838. But little is known of his personal history or of his antecedents, though it is supposed that the family was of Scotch origin. Chauncey Dart married Elizabeth Babcock, who was a native of Onondaga county, New York, where she was reared to mature years. Her father was a native of the old Empire

State, and the family had been long residents of that State. The parents of our subject were married in their native State, and continued their residence there for a number of years. They were the parents of seven children,—four sons and three daughters, of whom we enter the following brief record: Russell is a resident of Illinois; Jonathan B. is the immediate subject of this review; Celinda is deceased; Alonzo is a resident of Peru township, this county; Florilla is the widow of the late Dennis Stanton, of Columbus, Ohio; Chauncey is a resident of Illinois; and Harriet is deceased.

Our subject was the second child, and was but two and one-half years of age when his parents came to that part of Delaware county that is now incorporated in Morrow county,—this removal taking place in 1830. The family took up their abode in the sylvan wilds of Westfield township, where the father built a log house, and where he lived until the hour of his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and was a man of considerable prominence in the pioneer locality. The mother lived to attain the age of sixty-eight years, having been a zealous and consistent member of the Baptist Church.

At the time of the death of Chauncey Dart the family comprised seven children, and the care of them devolved upon the widowed mother. The eldest child was but thirteen years of age at the time and the youngest was a mere babe. Our subject remained with his mother until he was thirteen years of age, when he courageously started forth to work for himself and to aid in the support of his mother and the younger children. His first work was with William Brundage, and for his services he received $4 per month for six months. He then worked two months for another man and received as his pay the making of a new suit of clothes. His schooling was meager in extent, as he was able to attend the district schools through the winter months only. During these months he worked for his board, and it is interesting to note that he paid 18 cents for his first winter's educational discipline. Mr. Dart continued to work by the month for some few years, and the wages he received during his last service in this way was at the rate of $8 per month.

In the fall of 1843 our subject was apprenticed to learn the harness and saddlery trade, in the city of Delaware, and in this line he served for three and one-half years. His first work as a journeyman was performed at South Woodbury, Ohio, and after this he went to New York and was employed at his trade in his native county for two years, after which he engaged in business for himself, carrying on the business successfully for a period of eight years. Thereafter he returned to Morrow county, and was here engaged in working at his trade for ten years. At that time he was established in a diminutive log house located on the same farm which he now owns and occupies. He walked to and from Ashley each day to attend to his work.

In 1850 Mr. Dart was united in marriage to Miss Lucy M. Swatman, who was born in Oneida county, New York, in 1830, which year was that which marked the emigration of her parents from England to America. She remained in her native county until she had attained the age of sixteen years. She was a devoted companion and true helpmeet to her husband during the long years of their married life, her death occurring July 28, 1893. Our subject and his wife were

the parents of one son, Frederick A., who married Charlotte Baldwin and who has one daughter, Hazel. They reside on a seventy-five acre farm belonging to our subject, in Peru township. In addition to the farm just noted our subject owns in his home place 100 acres, the farm being under effective cultivation and thoroughly well improved. He has conducted his business according to correct and progressive methods and has been prospered in his affairs. He is prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being trustee of the lodge at Ashley. In politics he renders an unswerving allegiance to the Republican party, and at the present time he holds official preferment as Trustee of Peru township. He is a stockholder in the co-operative creamery at Ashley, and is president of the corporation. A man of marked intelligence and much force of character, and one whose honor is beyond questioning, Mr. Dart holds as his own the respect and confidence of the community.

JOHNSON MAXWELL, one of the prominent farmers and stock dealers of Morrow county, is numbered among the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Marion county on the 26th of April, 1844. His grandfather, Franklin W. Maxwell, was a native of Virginia and spent his entire life upon a farm in the Old Dominion. His father, Marshall Maxwell, was born in West Virginia and grew to manhood in the State of his nativity. Emigrating Westward he took up his residence in Richland township, Marion county, where he made a permanent location. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Johnson, was born in Ohio and was a sister of Mrs. H. N. Curl. This worthy couple held membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, took an active part in its work and were consistent Christian people who left the world better for their having lived. In his political views Marshall Maxwell was a Republican. His death occurred at the age of seventy-six years and his wife passed away when forty-five years of age, mourned by all who knew them. They had a family of seven children, five now living, while two have been called to their final rest. In order of birth they are as follows: Melville, who is living in Cardington township; Minerva, deceased; Melissa Roby, who is living in Kansas; Johnson, of this sketch; Levi, also deceased; Catherine Scribner, whose home is in Missouri; and Estella Gruber, of Cardington township.

In taking up the personal history of Johnson Maxwell, we present to the readers of this volume the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in this region. He was reared upon his father's farm, and there made his home until about eight years ago. At the age of seventeen he chose as a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Miss Nancy Stanton, a native of Marion county, Ohio, and their union has been blessed with a family of three children. The eldest, Clara A., is now the wife of Jerome Cline, of Marion county, and they have five children. Rolvin Curtis married Estella Shaw, and, with their four children, they reside in Cardington township. Harley J. completes the family. He is now twenty-eight. He pursued his art studies in Rensselaer, Indiana, and is now very proficient in crayon work.

The wife and mother having died, Mr. Maxwell was again married, in December, 1869, the lady of his choice being Viola

Scribner, a native of Morrow county and a daughter of William Scribner, one of the honored pioneers of this locality. Her grandfather, Samuel Scribner, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was one of the earliest settlers of Marion county. William Scribner was born in that county, in 1821, and, after a long and well-spent life, passed away September 22, 1890. He married Susan Sophia Newberry, who was born in Marion county in 1829, and nine children were born to them, of whom seven are living at the time of this writing, in January, 1895. Mrs. Maxwell first opened her eyes to the light of day in the same county, the date of that important event being August 3, 1852. In the schools of Cardington township she acquired her education, and throughout the community she is recognized as a cultured and refined lady, who, by her many excellencies, has gained a wide circle of friends. She belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has long been an active worker in church and Sunday-school, doing effective service in the cause of Christianity.

During the late war Mr. Maxwell gave evidence of his loyalty to the Government and the Union cause by enlisting on the 2d of June, 1862, in Company C, Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three months, at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was then honorably discharged, but his faithfulness to his duties of citizenship was not laid aside with the warrior's dress. He has given his support to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit and his co-operation is withheld from no interest which will promote the general welfare. He votes with the Republican party but has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests in which he is meeting with a good and well-deserved success. For the past ten years he has been engaged in dealing in fine horses, handling nothing but roadsters. He purchased the farm formerly owned by M. L. Maxwell (and upon that place is now residing Rolvin Curtis Maxwell,—one of the leading and representative agriculturalists of Morrow county.)

DANIEL W. BROWN, a merchant of Chesterville, was born in Cayuga county, New York, February 11, 1826. His father, Pardon Brown, was a native of Rhode Island, as was also his father, George Brown, and the former was a soldier in the war of 1812 and the latter a Revolutionary soldier. His father, Tobias Brown, was supposed to have been born in Rhode Island and descended from the Browns who came to America on the Mayflower. The mother of our subject, *nee* Sophia Wilbur, was born in Rhode Island, daughter of Daniel Wilbur, also a native of that State, who was a farmer and Quaker minister. He took part in sinking the English war ship Kingfisher, during the Revolutionary war. The parents of our subject were married in Rhode Island, but about 1813 moved to New York, locating on a farm near Aurora, Cayuga county. The mother died there, and in 1853 the father came to Ohio, where he subsequently died. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Lydia; Sophia, deceased; Philena, deceased; Pardon, a resident of Tompkins county, New York; Mary, wife of George Peckham, of Rhode Island; Daniel W., the subject of this sketch; Deborah W., deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Albert Parkhill and a resident of New York; and

Sarah A., wife of August Freeman, of Kansas.

Daniel Wilbur Brown was reared to farm life at his native place, and worked on his father's farm for one year after his marriage. During the following four years he was engaged in the canal-boat business, running from Aurora and Albany to New York city on the Erie canal. He next taught school four winters in New York. In 1853 he came to Ohio, purchasing and locating on 250 acres in Chester township, Morrow county, where he was extensively engaged in buying, selling and shipping produce and in stock-dealing until 1882. In that year Mr. Brown sold his place and embarked in the grocery and butcher business in Chesterville, in which he is still engaged, and to which in 1889 he added a hotel known as Brown's Hotel. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party, and served as Township Treasurer for many years. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 204.

December 28, 1847, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Adeline M. Squires, born in Cayuga county, New York, December 29, 1825, a daughter of William H. and Anna (Duel) Squires, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Rhode Island. The paternal grandfather, Asa Squires, was a native of Connecticut. The maternal grandfather, Reuben Duel, was a native of Rhode Island. He purchased a soldier's claim in Tompkins county, New York, to which he moved his family in an early day, and is buried on the farm. Mrs. Brown is the sixth of eleven children, ten of whom grew to years of maturity, viz.: Harriet, Theodore, Phedora, William, Eliza, Adeline, Henry, Helen, Sidney, Anna and Marian. All but three are still living. Our subject and wife are the parents of three children,—Francis A., wife of William Van Eman, for many years a traveling salesman for a wholesale house in San Francisco, California; Marian A., wife of Marshall T. Smith, a prominent dealer in horses at Mount Gilead, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Anna Maude; and Cassius Clay, who married Ollie Rogers, now deceased; they had two children, Daniel H. and Grace M.

DR. H. H. SHAW, one of the leading practitioners of this locality, was born in Franklin township, Morrow county, in 1825, a son of David and Elizabeth (Hardenbrook) Shaw, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Jefferson county, Ohio. They came to Ohio in 1810, remaining the first year in Pickaway county, and spent the remainder of their lives in Franklin township, Morrow county. The father departed this life in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had seven children,—Henry H., Newton, Emily, Albert, Asher, Harriet and Clarissa A.

H. H. Shaw, the subject of this sketch, began the study of medicine with the firm of Lord, Swingle & Brown in 1850, and, the partnership having dissolved one year later, he was then with Drs. Hewitt & Swingle three years. After attending a course of lectures at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and graduating at the Medical College of Columbus in 1854, he began the practice of medicine at New Hartford, Butler county, Iowa, remaining there until 1859. From that time until the spring of 1861 Mr. Shaw practiced medicine in Mount Liberty, Knox county, Ohio, and then removed to Johnsonville, Morrow county. October 1 of that year the

Doctor enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company I. About the middle of January, 1865, he was cited before the Examining Board and appointed Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Regiment, and held that position until mustered out of service in 1865. Since that time Dr. Shaw has followed the practice of medicine at Mount Gilead.

He was first married to C. Amanda Chamberlain, a daughter of Squire C. H. Chamberlain. Of their four children one daughter, Ola A., is now living. The Doctor's second marriage was to Mrs. Shipman, a widow lady.

NOBLE WEAR, a farmer of Bennington township, is a son of Noble Wear, Sr., who was born in county Fermanagh, Ireland, and was a farmer and weaver by occupation. He participated in the battle of Waterloo. The mother of our subject, formerly Annie Irving, was a native of the same county. They were married in Ireland, and came to America in 1833, locating for a few years in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and then settled on an improved farm. The father lived to the age of 102 years, and the mother to the age of 104 years. They were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters. Mr. Wear was an active worker in the Democratic party, his first Presidential vote in America having been cast for Andrew Jackson. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Noble Wear, the subject of this sketch, was born about 1829, and received his education at Vernon and Gambier, Ohio. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and then located on a partially improved farm in Liberty township, Knox county, which he put under a fine state of cultivation, and lived there until coming to Morrow county in 1861. In his home farm he has 170 acres, and also owns fifty acres west of Marengo and 104 acres in Chester township. In addition to his farm property, Mr. Wear owns two good city lots in Columbus. He has just given the old home farm in Liberty township to his son.

In 1850 he was united in marriage with Sarah Ann Bird, a native of Liberty township, Knox county, and a daughter of Elisha Bird, an early pioneer of that county. Mrs. Wear departed this life in 1878. Our subject and wife had seven children, viz.: Cordelia, at home; Frank, who married Rosie Bishop, and resides in Bennington township; George W., at home; Annie, wife of David Green, of Chester township; John, of Los Angeles, California, married Dora Grubb, and has three children; Jennie R. is the wife of E. J. Harris, of Bennington township, and has three children; Isaac, married, resides in Los Angeles, and has one child. Mr. Wear is a member and active worker in the Democratic party, and for several years has served as School Director. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

RICHARD WORDEN, a farmer of Canaan township, Morrow county, was born in Seneca county, New York, April 29, 1822, a son of Richard and Polly (Roberts) Worden, who resided in Seneca county. Richard was left an orphan when quite young, and was reared from childhood by Alexander Purvis. He was brought by him to Ohio when about

eight years of age, and settled in Cardington township, then Marion county. At the age of sixteen years our subject began life for himself, working at anything he could find to do. The year after his marriage he came to Canaan township, locating on a part of his present farm, which he rented for six years. He then purchased ten acres, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns 407 acres, nearly all of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

March 6, 1844, Mr. Worden was united in marriage with Lucinda Schooley, born in Virginia in 1824, a daughter of Samuel and Nellie (Graves) Schooley, early pioneers of Cardington township. Our subject and wife have six children living, namely: Sarah F., wife of William Sexton; Hannah, widow of Frank Williams; Alfred W. married Minnie Hardman, and resides in this county; Samuel R. married Olive Bratton; Emily Annette, wife of Samuel Fate; and Sophia, at home. Mr. Worden affiliates with the Republican party, has served as School Director for a number of years, as Township Trustee, and has frequently been a delegate to county conventions.

THOMAS FERMAN WURTSBAUGH.—The man who by his own efforts and as the result of industry and perseverance not only receives a good education, but widens the field of his usefulness and influence, deserves to be given full credit for his labors. This Dr. Wurtsbaugh has done. He is essentially a self-made man, as the story of his life which follows will disclose.

Dr. Wurtsbaugh was born in Keene township, Coshocton county, Ohio, June 8, 1845, a son of David Harrison and Lucinda (Spiva) Wurtsbaugh. His father was born near Dresden, Licking county, Ohio, April 21, 1819, and was of German descent, his parents coming to America from that country. He died of servile gangrene May 27, 1889, at the age of seventy years. He was one of sixteen children, seven of whom are still living. He followed farming during his life-time, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. The mother of our subject, who resides on the home place, three miles southwest of Richmond, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1824. She is descended from an old New England family, being the daughter of John and Harriet Spiva, who came to Ohio at an early day and settled in Coshocton county. Mrs. Wurtsbaugh has two half-sisters living,—Elizabeth, wife of Henry Van Aukin; and Sarah, who married William Banto. They both reside near Richmond, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Wurtsbaugh had twelve children,—Sarah, John, Thomas, Emanuel, Samuel M., Hannah, James, David, Nancy, Frank, Mary, and Laura. Sarah married a farmer named Ross Dougherty, and they reside in Coshocton county; they have six children. John, who married Sarah Babs, is a farmer two miles northeast of Richmond; he has five children,—Alice, Della, Jennie, Bessie, and May; Alice and Della are married, the former to Howard Kinney, a farmer near Richmond, and the latter to Vestus Grindall, a blacksmith of Mount Victory, Hardin county, Ohio; the remainder of the children reside at home. Emanuel died in infancy, in Coshocton county. Samuel M. was killed at Fort Buford, Montana, in 1874; he was serving as First Sergeant of the Seventh

Regiment, United States Infantry, when he was murdered by a fellow-soldier named Wilson, who was tried for the crime, found guilty, and sentenced to be shot, but the sentence was afterward changed to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, by President Grant. Harriet married Isaac Smart, a prosperous farmer four miles south of Richmond; they have two children living,—Lawrence, who is a cripple for life, the result of necrosis of the tibia; and Laura, a well-educated lady, who has for several years been a successful and popular school teacher. James died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty years. David is a carpenter by occupation, but his present residence is unknown. Nancy is the wife of Benjamin Reed, a resident of Bucyrus, Ohio. Frank, a farmer by occupation, married Jennie Mulvane, and they reside one mile west of Richmond. Mary has been twice married; her first husband, Perry Bacon, died at his home four miles south of Richmond in 1891, about a year and a half after his marriage, leaving one child; her second husband is Malcolm Cameron. Laura died in infancy.

When Thomas F. Wurtsbaugh, the subject of this sketch, was two years of age his parents moved to Union county, settling on fifty acres of land seven miles south of Richmond, where his father remained until his death, in 1889. During his boyhood Thomas attended school but very little, and at thirteen years of age he began work as a farm hand. In July, 1864, being then nineteen years old, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as a private. He was in the engagement near Decatur, Alabama; at Overall creek, near Murfreesboro, December 4, 1864; ten days later, December 7, participated in the battle of the Cedars; and was discharged from the service May 31, 1865, at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati. After returning home he was an invalid and threatened with consumption. After partially recovering his health, Mr. Wurtsbaugh entered the academy at Ostrander, which he attended four terms; next became a student at the Richmond high school, after which he taught school nineteen terms, teaching during the fall and winter, and farmed during the summer, a part of the time on rented land, and for four years on his own place of thirty-six acres four miles west of this city. He next entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, taking the regular course, and graduated June 1, 1886. Before entering the latter institute, he began practice under the preceptorship of Dr. W. B. Duke, of Richmond, and for six years after graduating he practiced at Claiborne. From that time until 1888 he followed his profession at North Louisburg, when he came to Richmond and formed a partnership with Dr. W. B. Duke. This firm continued three years; it was dissolved by mutual consent in 1891, and Mr. Wurtsbaugh then opened his present office. The Doctor is a member of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Association and of the Ohio Central Eclectic Medical Association. He holds a special diploma from Butte Medical College, as a graduate in ophthalmology and otology, also holds certificate of preceptorship from the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, in which he filled the chair of anatomy in 1885–6. Politically the Doctor is a Republican, and is a member of the Board of Health of Richmond. Socially he is a member of Richmond Lodge, No. 443, I. O. O. F., also of the Encampment of Mount Carmel

Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of the National Fraternal Union.

Dr. Wurtsbaugh was married October 30, 1870, to Miss Abigail F. Wilson, born in Delaware county, September 12, 1847, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Wilson, both now deceased. Mrs. Wurtsbaugh has one sister and brother: Henrietta, who married Thomas Onion, and they reside in Ostrander; and Henry, who married Emily Riley, and resides in Richmond. They have three children. Doctor and Mrs. Wurtsbaugh have two children: Ferman, born February 22, 1873; and Howard, born December 17, 1876. Ferman will graduate at the Nada Pharmaceutical School in December, after which he will enter the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, to fit himself for the medical profession. Howard is attending the Richmond high school.

JOHN ANDREW MOODIE.—The good old Scotch name which the subject of this sketch bears is one that has, in its several collateral branches, been identified in a conspicuous way with the history and development of various sections of the Union, and in this line his father gained distinction as one of the early pioneers of the Buckeye State. All these circumstances lend a particular consistency to the incorporation of a brief history of the life of John Andrew Moodie, who is himself an honored resident and successful farmer of Union township, Union county, Ohio, where he was born (on the old Webb farm) July 7, 1833.

His father was Henry Moodie, who was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, the son of Roger Moodie, whose parents were natives of bonny Scotland. Roger Moodie was a native of Maryland, where his ancestors took up their residence in the Colonial days. He became a pioneer of this county, coming here at a very early day, and taking up his residence on a tract of wild land in Union township, where settlers were few and far between, and when the forests were still given over to the dominion of Indians and wild beasts.

Henry Moodie was reared on the frontier farm, and recived such educational advantages as the pioneer settlement afforded, attending to his studies in the old log scho olhouse with its slab seats and primitive equipments. He married Elizabeth Moodie, who was born in 1812, a native of Virginia and and the daughter of John A. Moodie, who was called out for service in the war of 1812, but who participated in no battle, as the victory had been gained ere he reached the scene of action. He was a half-brother of Roger Moodie, paternal grandfather of our subject.

In 1834 Henry Moodie and his wife took up their residence on a tract of fifty acres, in Union township, the same being still unreclaimed and heavily timbered. Wolves, deer, turkey and 'coons were yet abundant, but soon the forest aisles re-echoed the sturdy blows of his ax, which felled the trees and made way for the cultivated fields. He developed a good farm, but did not live to enjoy the same, death coming to him in the prime of life,—at the age of forty-two years. He left to the care of his bereaved widow three children: John A., subject of this sketch; Aaron Gilmore, who died at the old homestead; and Mrs. Nancy Spratt, of Richwood, this county. The mother subsequently consummated a second marriage, being united to Moses Blake. She is still

living, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. The father of our subject was a Democrat in his political faith, was a consistent member of the Christian Church, and was a man honored by all who knew him.

John Andrew Moodie was reared on the old home farm in Union township, and early became enured to the sturdy labor required in its operation. He received his educational discipline in the district school near his home and duly profited by the meager instructions there meted out.

He was one of the brave boys who bore arms at the time of the late war of the Rebellion, enlisting, in May, 1864, for the 100 days' service, as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During his term of service he was stationed at Alexandria, Virginia, and at its expiration he was honorably discharged, after which he returned to his home in this county.

Mr. Moodie was married April 2, 1863, to Sarah Emily Dawson, who was born in Pickaway county, this State, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (James) Dawson. Mrs. Moodie is a devoted member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Moodie is a member of Silas Kimball Post, No. 570, G. A. R., of Milford Centre. He is a man of intelligence, is fair and honorable in his dealings, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.

He has a good farm and the same is cultivated with much care and discrimination, thereby rendering tangible returns for the thought and labor expended. The family residence is a substantial frame structure, and other permanent improvements about the place are of excellent order.

W. H. WILLS, M. D.—We are now permitted to take into review the life history of one of the representative and honored professional men of Union county, Dr. Wills, who is a resident of Milford Centre, where he is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery and where he retains a most representative supporting patronage.

The Doctor is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Franklin county, February 6, 1850, the son of John Wills, who was born near Zanesville, this State, and who is now a resident of Columbus, his lineage tracing back to Germany. He has reached the venerable age of seventy-five years, but retains a virile strength of both mind and body. The mother of our subject, *née* Elizabeth Compton, was born near Reynoldsburg, this State, daughter of Ezekiel Compton, one of the pioneers of that section, and a native of the old Keystone State.

John and Elizabeth Wills became the parents of five children, namely: Jennie, deceased; W. H., subject of this review; Caroline; Charles, a prominent business man of Columbus, Ohio; and Emma. The venerable father was successfully engaged in farming until the time of his retirement from active business life. He has been a stanch Republican for many years, and is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. W. H. Wills was reared on the old homestead farm and was given exceptional educational advantages, completing his more purely literary education at Delaware, where he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University. He engaged in teaching district school before he had attained the age of fifteen years and for some time he bore the appropriate

sobriquet of "the boy teacher." He early determined to prepare himself for the practice of that profession in which he has attained so marked success, and he commenced the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Frankinburg, a prominent and able physician. He finally matriculated at Starling Medical College, in the capital city of the State, where he completed the prescribed course and graduated with high honors, as a member of the class of 1879. He established himself in practice at Columbus, immediately after his graduation, and there remained for a period of four years, after which he came to Milford Centre, where he has since devoted himself to professional work and where he has built up a large and representative practice, being held in the highest esteem in the community, both as a man and a physician. The Doctor is an avidious student and keeps constantly in touch with the advances made in medical science and surgery.

In politics the Doctor pins his faith to the Republican party, and he has been a most active worker in the local organization of his party, having served as chairman of the county committee, and having wielded no little influence in the party councils. Fraternally he retains a membership in Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs, besides having served as District Deputy of the order. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been closely identified with church, Sunday-school and temperance work for many years. He organized Sunday-schools and became a teacher in the same while he was still a boy in his 'teens, having also been a superintendent for many years. A man of strongest integrity and of broad sympathies, he has gained the esteem of the community and the confidence and affection of those to whom he has ministered in the dark hours of sickness and distress.

The marriage of Dr. Wills was celebrated June 6, 1883, when he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Ada Butler, a young lady of culture and true refinement. She was born in Hocking county, Ohio, the daughter of John Butler, now deceased, receiving an excellent education at McConnellsville and Adelphi, this State.

CHARLES D. MILLS, M. D., junior member of the professional firm of White & Mills, of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, stands as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the county, and a record of the lives of the leading professional men of this section of the Buckeye State would be incomplete were there a failure to direct attention to him whose name forms the caption of this review.

Dr. Mills was born at Logan, Hocking county, Ohio, November 30, 1857, a son of Dr. George B. and Priscilla (Bright) Mills. The father was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, his native village being the old town of Lakawaxen, on the Delaware river. He was the son of Isaac Mills, who emigrated from Connecticut to Pennsylvania in an early day. Dr. George B. Mills is a graduate of Starling Medical College, at Columbus, and for many years has been engaged in practice in Fairfield county, Ohio, where he still resides, being one of the oldest and most honored physicians of the county and still being called upon to continue his professional work in the community where his ministrations have so long been appreciated. While he was still a

mere lad his mother died and after this he was sent to live with an uncle who was engaged in farming. Attaining mature years he began his independent career by engaging in railroad construction, ultimately securing the position as superintendent of the work and thus continuing for some time. While thus employed he met and eventually wedded Miss Priscilla, daughter of Rev. S. S. Bright, of Hocking county. For many years she continued his faithful helpmate and companion. Subsequent to his marriage Dr. Mills began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of the venerable Dr. Hufford, thereafter completing the prescribed course of study at Starling Medical College, at which he was duly graduated. He began the practice of his profession in Hocking county, but soon afterward removed to Dumontville, Fairfield county, where he has ever since maintained his residence. He is a man of marked individuality and force of character, steadfast in his sturdy rectitude, and generous and sympathetic in nature. Naturally strong in his convictions, he has ever been an ardent and active Republican, and during the civil war he served as acting Assistant Surgeon.

He is identified with the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders. Of his four children we give individual mention as follows: Charles D. is the direct subject of this sketch; Louisa A. and Samuel S. are deceased; and Carrie B. is the wife of Rev. William Mather, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles D. Mills was afforded exceptional educational privileges in his youth, attending the public schools during his boyhood days and thereafter entering the Fairfield Union Academy, where he graduated with the Centennial class, in 1876. He then began teaching school and reading medicine with his father, having determined to gain, as it were, a professional inheritance from his honored parent. He matriculated at the Medical College of Ohio, in Cincinnati, graduating at this well-known institution in 1880. Of his post-graduate work it may be incidentally noted at this point that, in 1890, he went to Chicago, where he took a special course of study and clinical work touching the nature and treatment of chronic diseases, this course being secured under the direction of Professor Pratt, the well-known specialist in the line mentioned.

After his graduation Dr. Mills engaged in practice at Pleasantville, Fairfield county, where he remained until 1891, having secured a representative patronage. In 1891, he came to Marysville, and formed a professional partnership with Dr. White, with whom he has since been associated. Their office is located on Court street, opposite the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Mills has here devoted himself to general practice, is skilled in his profession, keeping pace with advances made in the medical science and thoroughly in touch with the most approved methods of treatment. As a student in his profession he has aimed to excel, and when graduating he received the Professor Connor prize for proficiency in surgical anatomy, coming into competition with a class of 100 aspirants. This fact bears unequivocal evidence of his labors and precedence in that branch of professional acquirement. While in practice at Pleasantville he taught the class in physiology at the college there located.

Politically the Doctor is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows. In the latter order he is Past Grand and is also a member of the Encampment; in the former he is a member of Palestine Lodge and of Lancaster Chapter, of which last he is Past Master. Socially our subject is also a member of the Marysville Choral Union, of which he was one of the organizers and in connection with which he gives no little attention to musical matters and cultivation.

The marriage of the Doctor was celebrated at Pleasantville, Ohio, December 14, 1882, when he was united to Miss Ella A., daughter of Captain James and Margaret Stewart, of that place. Dr. and Mrs Mills have had five children: Leora, deceased; Carrie F.; George S., deceased; Mary M. and Clarence D.

Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Marysville, the Doctor being a member of the Board of Trustees. The pleasant family home is located on Sixth street.

WILLIAM STALEY, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising in Parish township, Union county, has the honor of being a native of the Buckeye State. He was born in Greene county on the 17th of October, 1833, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Hall) Staley. The father was born September 6, 1800. In his youth he learned the miller's trade, and became the owner of a mill on the Miami river which he operated for a number of years, doing a good business along that line. His death occurred December 23, 1880. His wife, who was born in Maryland, May 6, 1800, survived him about twelve years, and died July 20, 1892, at the very advanced age of ninety-two years. In their family were four children,— Mrs. Fannie Wood, William, Isaac, and Mrs. Sarah Keckly.

In taking up the personal history of William Staley we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in Paris township. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and the work of developing and cultivating land was familiar to him from early boyhood. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until seventeen years of age, when he went to Marysville, Ohio, and began learning the blacksmith's trade with J. S. Cunningham. He followed that business for eight years, but at length again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits.

In the meantime, Mr. Staley was married. On the 21st of November, 1855, he wedded Miss Roxy J., daughter of John and Nancy A. Marne, who were prominent and highly respected citizens of Union county. Eight children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Staley,—Mrs. Julia B. Turner; Simon L.; Walter H.; Mrs. Hattie Parthamore, who was a popular and successful teacher; George W.; Nettie; Jerry; and Josephine, who is now deceased.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Staley resumed farming, which he then carried on until 1863. For a short time thereafter he was engaged in the grocery business in Marysville, but he found this occupation did not suit him as well as the one to which he was reared, and came to the farm on which he now resides. Here he owns eighty acres of rich and arable land, and in connection with its cultivation he has been extensively engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding of Merino sheep, in which undertaking he has prospered. He has a pleasant home, a good barn and

orchard and well-kept fences, and the Staley farm is numbered among the best in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Staley hold membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and take a deep interest in everything pertaining to its welfare and advancement. They have labored earnestly for its upbuilding, and Mr. Staley is now serving as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. In his political views he is a Republican. He filled the office of Assessor, but has never been an aspirant for political honors, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. His life has been a useful one, and his example is worthy of emulation.

GEORGE PIERSOL, who owns and occupies a fine farm of eighty-five acres in Mill Creek township, Union county, Ohio, is one of the well-known and highly respected men of the county.

Mr. Piersol was born on a farm in the township in which he now lives, June 24, 1843, son of John Piersol, one of the prominent early settlers of the county. John Piersol was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and by trade was a blacksmith. After coming to Ohio he gave his attention to farming, settling on 120 acres of timber land, where he lived and prospered, from time to time adding to his landed estate until at the time of his death he was the owner of 800 acres. He was seventy-five years of age at the time of death; his good wife passed away at the age of seventy-four. Her maiden name was Catherine Wesley; she was a daughter of John Wesley, a relative of the eminent divine, and they were married in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Sons and daughters to the number of fourteen were born to them, their names being as follows: Christie Anna, Elijah Wesley, Silas, Evan, Mary, George, Margaret, John, Catherine, Samuel, Enoch, Eliza, Elizabeth and Jacob. Only three of this large family have passed away,—Samuel, Eliza and Elizabeth. Wesley, Silas and George were among the volunteers for service in the Union army when the civil war came on, and bravely did their part toward putting down the rebellion. It was in April, 1864, that George enlisted, and from that time until the close of the war he was on guard duty before Petersburg and Richmond.

George Piersol grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools. In 1866 he went West to Franklin county, Kansas, where he spent two years in work at the carpenter's trade, and in 1868 settled on the farm on which he has ever since resided. This place is nicely improved with good buildings, orchard, well-cultivated fields, etc., and here he is meeting with the prosperity which his honest efforts merit.

Mr. Piersol was married in 1868 to Miss Barbara McCuley, daughter of William and Harriet (Robinson) McCuley. Their happy married life was of short duration, as her untimely death occurred the following year. She left a little daughter, Mary, who is now the wife of H. Hutchison, of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1874 Mr. Piersol married Miss A. C. Robinson, daughter of Dr. Joseph T. and Eliza (Mann) Robinson. By this second marriage he has five children,—Eliza, Wesley, Joseph T., Orvil, and Blanche.

Of Mrs. Piersol's ancestry, be it stated that her father, Dr. Joseph T. Robinson,

was born in Franklin county, Ohio, son of Asa Robinson; and that Asa Robinson was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, son of Bartlett Robinson, a native of that State, and a veteran of the Revolutionary war. In 1809 Asa Robinson emigrated to Ohio and located in Franklin county, being at Columbus when the town was laid out. He married Catherine Turney, and they had children as follows: Harriet, Mary, Margaret, Bartlett, Joseph, Henry, Asa, Daniel, and Adam, and two that died in infancy. Daniel and Adam died in California in 1849. The father passed away in 1865, at the age of eighty-four, the mother surviving him until she reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years, her death occurring in 1884. Dr. J. T. Robinson and his wife had six children, five of whom are living, namely: Abigail, David, Sarah, Willie, and Mary. His wife died at the age of forty-four years.

Politically Mr. Piersol is Democratic in his views. He has served as a member of the School Board and also as Township Trustee. Personally he is a man of fine physique, is honorable and upright in all his dealings, and by his frank and cordial manner has made himself popular with all who know him. Mrs. Piersol is a member of the Christian Church.

L. H. HALZMILLER, one of the enterprising business men of Delaware, Ohio, was born and reared in this city and has been identified with it all his life.

Mr. Halzmiller is a son of F. P. and Susannah (Ziegler) Halzmiller, and was born in August, 1858. He is one of a family of three children, his two sisters being Amelia and Louisa. The former is the wife of William H. Gleckler, of Pierre, South Dakota. Both parents were born and reared in Baden, Germany. They were married in Cincinnati, Ohio. The father learned the trade of baker in his native land, and after locating in Delaware, Ohio, in 1855, entered the employ of M. Miller. A few years later he opened up a business of his own, and successfully ran a bakery for some time. Then he engaged in the grocery business, which he followed until his death, in 1876, at the age of forty-five years. His widow is still living, having attained her sixty-ninth year.

The subject of our sketch was seventeen years of age when his father died, and, young as he was, he took charge of the grocery and conducted it for his mother until he reached his majority. Then he bought the store and ran it a short time longer, after which he sold out. He then, in company with W. S. Parks, purchased the wine establishment of Martin Miller, and together they carried on business for eleven years. In February, 1891, he purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted it alone. For nine years he and Mr. Parks conducted an eating house in connection with their wine room. This department of their business was discontinued in 1889.

Mr. Halzmiller has also been connected with various enterprises of a public nature. He and Mr. Parks secured the franchise of the city for putting in an electric-light plant, and established the same. Afterward they formed a stock company and took in some of the leading business men of the town. He was one of a company that started the Odevene Bottling Works in this city. In 1893 he was appointed receiver of the Delaware Brewing Ice Company, and the fol-

lowing year placed the ice plant in operation. He is now running it, turning out some fifteen tons daily. In short, he has taken an active interest in every thing tending to the public good of this city. He is Democratic in his political views and represents his ward in the City Council.

Mr. Halzmiller was married in Delaware, in 1883, to Miss Mary Enright, daughter of Cornelius Enright. Their residence is on South Union street.

J. A. SALISBURY, veterinary surgeon, Delaware, Ohio, is a native of Marion county, this State, born October 27, 1847. His parents, Ephraim and Emily (Daggett) Salisbury, were descended from New England ancestors. When he was five years of age the family came to Delaware county and located on a farm in Troy township, where the father died in 1868. The mother died in Marion county in 1886.

Dr. Salisbury grew up on his father's farm, spending his winters in attendance at the district schools and later taking a course and graduating in the Delaware high school. After completing his education he turned his attention to buying and selling horses and followed that business for a number of years. Early in life he took up the study of veterinary medicine, which he practiced in connection with his farming and horse dealing, although not a graduate of any school; but in 1888 he entered the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, where he took a thorough course, and in 1882 he gave up farming altogether and devoted his time to dealing in horses and to the practice of his profession. His practice so increased that, in 1890, he found it necessary to give his entire attention to it. In 1893 he established a hospital in Delaware for sick and lame horses, where he can accommodate from six to eight head, and in connection with this hospital he also runs a feed barn. He has met with eminent success in his practice and has gained an enviable reputation as a skilled veterinary surgeon.

The Doctor is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Lenape Lodge, No. 29, and also of the National Union. During the war, although a mere lad in his 'teens, he enlisted, in 1864, in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was mustered out, at Washington, in July, 1865. He is a member of George B. Torrence Post, No. 60, G. A. R.

Dr. Salisbury was married in Delaware, January 27, 1866, to Miss Isabell Durfey. Their pleasant residence is at No. 98 North Sandusky street. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Politically the Doctor is a Republican.

LUTHER A. WOOD, one of the prosperous and honored farmers of Allen township, Union county, is a native of this county, his birthplace having been the old homestead which has been in the possession of the family since the early pioneer period of the county's history. The date of his birth was December 19, 1851, and his parents were William C. and Maria (McWilliams) Wood. The father, who is now deceased, was a prominent early settler and honored citizen of the county, and the venerable mother is still living, a resident of Milford Centre. They had five children of whom our subject was the third in order of birth.

Young Luther passed his boyhood days on the paternal farmstead and familiarized himself in a practical way with the duties incidental to clearing and improving the farm, working in both Allen and Jerome townships. His theoretical education was secured in the district schools and has been well re-enforced by his connection with the practical affairs of life. For nine years he operated a threshing machine throughout this section, utilizing steam power for a period of three years. In this line of enterprise he attained a distinctive popularity and a wide acquaintanceship, and carried on the same successfully until impaired health compelled him to abandon the work.

In 1879 he took up his residence on his present farm, which comprises 190 acres of the prolific alluvial bottom lands of Darby creek, the same being particularly eligible for the raising of cereals and stock, in both of which departments of farm work he has been successful in his operations. He has given particular attention to the raising of pure-bred Galloway short-horn cattle and draft horses, and his discrimination and good judgment have been such as to yield the best of results and consistent financial returns. The family residence is a substantial and commodious frame structure, and the place has one of the best barns in this section of the county.

Mr. Wood has been thrice married, his first union being consummated April 12, 1877, when he wedded Emma P. Irvine, daughter of the late Leckey and Nancy (Maxwell) Irvine, and by this union he had one child, who died in infancy. The death of Mrs. Emma P. Wood occurred January 31, 1884; she was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. March 19, 1885, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Sarah A. Spain, daughter of Washington and Sarah Spain, both of whom are now deceased. The only child of this union, William C., died at the age of seven months and sixteen days, and the mother passed into the life eternal April 19, 1886, having been a zealous member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Wood married his present wife April 17, 1887, her maiden name having been Eliza L. Holycross. She comes from one of the old and honored families of the county, and was here reared and educated. She is a daughter of Pierson F. and Jane S. (Wilson) Holycross, of this township, and is a woman of marked intelligence and refinement. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have two children, namely: Leroy Edson, born August 18, 1888; and Hetty Fern, born April 9, 1891.

In politics our subject casts his franchise with the Republican party, and fraternally he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, retaining a membership in Darby Lodge, No. 636, of Milford Centre, and Encampment No. 114, of Marysville. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milford Centre.

Mr. Wood is one of the representative farmers of this section and is honored for his ability and upright character, enjoying an unmistakable popularity in the community.

JOHN W. JONES, of Radnor, Delaware county, Ohio, was born in the township in which he now lives, November 12, 1855, son of William P. and Elizabeth (Thomas) Jones.

William P. Jones was born near Utica, New York, son of John Jones, a native of

Wales, who came to America about 1832 and engaged in farming. After remaining in New York a short time he came in 1833 to Delaware county, Ohio, and took claim to the 100 acres of land which is now owned and occupied by Robert Rowlands. He continued farming the rest of his life, and died in 1857. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Thomas. They joined the Congregational Church at Utica, and after they came West united with the same church at Radnor and were among the leading members here. She survived until 1893 and was eighty-five years old at the time of her death. Their family was composed of five daughters and one son, all of whom, with one exception, reached maturity, married and had families and settled in this vicinity. They are as follows: Sarah J., wife of Thomas Griffiths; Margaret, wife of Thomas Pritchard; Amelia, deceased wife of a Mr. Bagley; Martha M., wife of Robert Rowlands; and William P., father of our subject. William P. Jones was a farmer and a manufacturer of lime, carrying on the latter business on an extensive scale at Radnor. In 1873 he removed to Delaware and retired from business and there spent the residue of his life and died. He was a Republican in politics and was a man of high moral worth. His wife was a native of Wales and came to this country with her father when she was four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had an only child,—John W., whose name heads this article.

John W. Jones was reared on his father's farm, and received his early education in the common schools. He then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he graduated in 1879. After completing his education, he was for three years engaged in farming in Marion county. About this time his father bought the warehouse at Radnor, and he turned his attention to the grain business here, in partnership with his father at first, and, since his father's death, has continued it alone. To this business he has also added that of hardware and agricultural implements. Whatever he has undertaken, he has carried it forward to success, and, indeed, he is regarded as one of the most prosperous men of the county. He affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Jones was married October 28, 1886, to Margaret E. Gallant, daughter of James W. and Elizabeth (Williams) Gallant, her people being ranked with the early settlers of the county.

LAFAYETTE McILROY, Raymond's, Union county, Ohio, is one of the thrifty farmers and prominent citizens of Liberty township.

Mr. McIlroy was born on the farm on which he now lives, October 20, 1856, his grandparents, James and Cassie (Baker) McIlroy, natives of Vermont, having settled here about the year 1835, and in the midst of the forest developed a farm. They had a large family of children, four sons and seven daughters, one of whom, Zachariah, the father of our subject, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, May 14, 1821, and was a boy in his 'teens when they settled here. Here he grew up, and when he reached his majority was married to Catharine Heminger, a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and a daughter of George Heminger. After his marriage he bought the old home place, and here he spent the rest of his life and

died. His parents both died in this county. He owned 800 acres of land and carried on both farming and stock-raising, making a a specialty of raising draft horses. He and his wife had eight children, viz: John M., James W., George F., Jacob Foy, La Fayette, Susan Shirk, Cassie Belle Sparks and Clara May. The father died June 3, 1890, and the mother is still living, now a resident of Raymond's. Politically Zachariah McIlroy was a Democrat up to the time of the war, after which he was a Republican. In religion he was a Methodist, and was a Steward and Trustee of his church. He was a man of many sterling qualities, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

Lafayette McIlroy's early life was not unlike that of other farmer boys. His education was received in the district school and in the practical school of experience. He succeeded his father in the ownership of the farm above referred to, and now has 200 acres of this land, which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. The large residence is located on a natural building site and has a pretty lawn in front, and among the other improvements on the farm are the substantial buildings, modern wind pump, orchard, etc.

Mr. McIlroy was married March 2, 1878, to Miss Laura Hubbard, who was born and reared in this township, daughter of J. R. and Elizabeth (Sterling) Hubbard, the former a native of Vermont and the latter born near Zanesville, Ohio. The mother died in July, 1884, and the father still resides in this township. Mr. Hubbard has four children: Emeline, wife of John M. McIlroy; Lucy Winters, of Columbus, Ohio; Mary, wife of Clarence McIlroy; and Laura McIlroy. Mr. and Mrs. McIlroy have four children,—Clarence H., Hazel K., Lucy B., and Fannie May.

Mr. McIlroy has for years been one of the wheel-horses of the Republican party in Liberty township, and has served with credit as a member of the Board of Education and as Constable and Assessor. He is a member of Newton Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., of Raymond's. In the prime of life, intelligent, genial and jovial, he is popular with all who know him.

CAPTAIN D. H. HENDERSON, an honored veteran of the late war, is one of the best known citizens of Union county. For many years he has been prominently connected with the history of this community, for he is numbered among its honored early settlers. The Captain is a native of Kentucky, and comes of a good family. When a youth of eleven summers he came to Ohio, locating in Union county, with the history of which he has since been identified. No event of special importance occurred during his boyhood and youth. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, and received a limited education, conning his lessons in a log school-house, which was heated by an immense fire-place and furnished with primitive furniture. Through experience and observation, however, he has acquired a good practical business education, and, by reading, he keeps himself well informed on all the questions of the day.

Captain Henderson started out for himself empty-handed, with nothing to rely upon save his own enterprise and perseverance, but these stood him instead of capital, and, by persistent energy, he has steadily worked his way upward. Over-

coming the difficulties and obstacles in his path, he has at length accumulated a good property, and is now the owner of one of the best homes in this part of Union county. The dwelling is a large frame residence, built in modern style of architecture, and is neatly and tastefully furnished and supplied with all the comforts that go to make life worth the living. He owns two good farms, besides valuable property in the town of Raymond's, where he now resides.

In 1886 the Captain was united in marriage with Mrs. Lucy C. Burnham, a lady of education and refinement, who has the esteem of all who know her. Mr. Henderson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has served as Master of the blue lodge. He also belongs to the Chapter of Marysville. He holds membership with the Christian Church, and in his political views is a radical Republican, who stanchly advocates the men and measures of his party. He labors earnestly for its interests and does all in his power for its promotion, yet he has never sought office for himself. The cause of education also finds in him a warm friend, and he is actively interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. He was a loyal defender of the Union in the time of war, and is a valued citizen in the days of peace. His pleasant, genial manner has made him very popular, and in the history of his adopted county he well deserves representation.

JOHN HICKLEN JACKSON, M. D., has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Edison, Ohio, for over ten years, and is well known throughout this section of the country. Of his life, we present the following brief sketch:

James Jackson, the Doctor's father, was born in what is now West Virginia, in the year 1819, son of Isaac Jackson, also a native of the Old Dominion, both having Quaker birthrights. This family of Jacksons are of English and Scotch-Irish descent and are related to the distinguished "Stonewall" Jackson. James Jackson was first married, in Crawford county, Ohio, to Miss Rebecca Kirk, who died, leaving one son, George E., now a resident of Gilead township, Morrow county. For his second wife he married, in Columbiana county, this State, Mrs. Mary A. (Oliphant) Hicklen, a widow of John Hicklen and daughter of Ephraim Oliphant, a native of Virginia and a pioneer of Columbiana county, Ohio, he being a famous hunter in early days. She was born in Ohio in 1826, and by her first husband had one daughter, Sarah A., who is now the wife of F. C. Stanley, of Edison. James Jackson and his wife came to Morrow county twenty-seven years ago and settled on a farm two miles south of Mount Gilead, where they resided until 1887, at that time removing to Edison, and here they have since lived retired. They have two children, the subject of this sketch and J. Alvin, a druggist at the corner of Sixth and Main streets, Columbus Ohio. The parents are prominent and active members in the Quaker Church, and in politics he is a Prohibitionist.

Dr. Jackson was born on his father's farm on the Tiffin road, three miles north of Bucyrus, in Crawford county, Ohio, November 15, 1857, and was ten years old when he moved to this county. He attended school at Mount Gilead and Damascus, and at Cardington, this county, began the study of medicine under the instructions of Dr. Watson. Then he spent one sum-

mer in the office of Dr. Case, of Mount Gilead, and for two years he attended the Homœpathic College in Cincinnati, and served as assistant visiting physician for the Dispensary at Cincinnati. He entered upon the practice of his profession at New Lexington, Ohio, and while there his health broke down, after which he was out of practice for a year. In 1883 he located at Edison, where he has built up a fine practice and where he has the confidence of all who know him, being highly respected both as a physician and a citizen.

Dr. Jackson was married in 1887 to Miss Jessie Miles, daughter of James G. Miles, a merchant of Edison, and sister of J. R. Miles, one of the most prominent Odd Fellows of Ohio. Mrs. Jackson was born at Chesterville, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Mount Gilead high school. She was for four or five years a teacher in the Mount Gilead schools. The Doctor and his wife have two children: Charles Salo and Warren Milton, aged respectively six and three years.

Fraternally Dr. Jackson is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Edison and the Mystic Circle at Cardington, and is Past Chancellor Commander of the former. Politically he is a Republican, is Central Committeeman, and has for some years been an active worker in the ranks of his party. Mrs. Jackson is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

E. M. HELLER, architect and superintendent, Delaware, Ohio, is one of the most enterprising and progressive men of this city and has been identified with its interests nearly all his life.

Mr. Heller was born September 4, 1847, son of Owen and Lavina (Hess) Heller, a venerable couple now living retired in Delaware. They came from Pennsylvania, their native State, to Ohio in 1840 and settled on a farm, which they owned and occupied until, on account of advanced age, they removed to Delaware and retired. Owen Heller was active in politics in his early life and filled most acceptably a number of local offices. They are of German descent and are members of the German Reformed Church. Of their family of six children, we record that Edwin is deceased; Elias M. is the subject of this article; Hannah, wife of J. A. Sell, resides in Delaware; Samuel is a resident of Delaware; Mary F. is with her parents; and Elmer E. is deceased.

E. M. Heller remained on the farm with his parents until 1864, receiving his education in the public schools. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, July 8, 1865. He was in a number of prominent engagements, and at Decatur, Alabama, was taken prisoner by the enemy, but made good his escape. After his return from the army, Mr. Heller began work at the carpenter's trade in Delaware, and shortly afterward went to Cleveland, where he spent two years of study under the instructions of the famous architect, Blackburn. Then he came back to Delaware and engaged in drafting. About 1870 he commenced contracting in connection with his work as an architect, and gave his attention to contracting and building here until 1886, with the exception of one year he spent in Columbus, Ohio, when he was employed in work on the State University. Since 1886 he has devoted himself to architecture and

superintending. His first large contract was the City Hall of Delaware, and among other notable buildings he has superintended are the Monett Hall, Dormitory and Dining Rooms, the Conservatory of Music and Gray's Chapel, at Delaware; the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio, including the school building, dining hall and cottages; a number of buildings in Columbus, Ohio, some in Cincinnati, and the South Side Hotel at Birmingham, Alabama, beside numerous other buildings in various cities and towns. His son George has adopted the business and is now engaged in contracting in Delaware.

Socially Mr. Heller is identified with the Odd Fellows, both lodge and encampment, and has also taken the Rebekah degree. He is a member of George B. Torrence Post, No. 60, G. A. R.

Mr. Heller was married in Delaware, May 26, 1870, to Miss Mary J. Crook, and they have had five children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are George, Fred and Frank. Their home, one of the attractive residences of Delaware, is located on South Main street.

DARRANCE E. HUGHS, M. D., one of the prominent members of the medical profession at Delaware, Ohio, has been engaged in practice in this city since 1886. A sketch of his life is appropriate here and is as follows:

Darrance E. Hughs was born in Concord township, Delaware county, Ohio, October 1, 1856, son of Joseph E. Hughs and grandson of Joseph S. Hughs, both prominent ministers. Rev. Joseph S. Hughs came from Pennsylvania to the Western Reserve and was one of the early pioneers of Delaware county. He founded the first Presbyterian Church in Delaware and also churches in Radnor and Liberty townships, and preached at all of these places. He died about 1821, at the age of thirty-three years. He was also one of the prominent early Masons of the State. His wife, *née* Eliza Reynolds, was a native of Maryland, she being of Welsh descent and he of Irish. They had a family of two children that reached maturity,—James and Joseph E. James followed the sea for a number of years, being a commander of vessels. He came home about the time the civil war broke out and soon afterward enlisted in the Union army. He died in hospital in Tennessee, while in the service of his country.

Joseph E. Hughs was born, reared and educated at Delaware, Ohio. Here he followed farming until he was thirty years of age, when he was ordained as minister in the United Brethren Church. He was connected with the work of the ministry in this district for forty years, was a man of great force of character, and was the means of accomplishing a great amount of good. He died June 10, 1890, at the age of seventy years. He married Miss Eliza Gallant, whose untimely death occurred six years after their marriage. She had three children, all dying in early childhood. For his second wife he married Miss Harriet Day, daughter of Benjamin Day, of Coshocton, Ohio. She is still living in Delaware county. Of her nine children, we make record as follows: Gerard, a farmer residing in Concord township, Delaware county; Dr. James H., who was engaged in the practice of his profession in Delaware for ten years, died in 1888; Darrance E.; William L., a resident of Jamestown, North Dakota, is an engineer on the Northern Pacific Railroad;

Sarah, wife of Frederick Smith, Warrensburg, this county, died in 1886; Amanda A., wife of I. M. Freece, Jamestown, North Dakota; Charles, who died in infancy; Hattie J., wife of O. P. Bird, Jamestown, North Dakota; and Amy, wife of John Kuhutz, of Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. Hughs was reared on his father's farm and received his early education in the district school. He then entered the Delaware high school, where he graduated in due time. In 1877 he began the study of medicine in the office of Drs. Hyatt & Hughs. He also studied under the instructions of Dr. Vogt. In 1878–9 he took a course of lectures in the Columbus Medical College, after which he entered the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he graduated in the spring of 1881. Immediately after his graduation he began his professional career at Hyattville, Delaware county, where he spent four years, and from there removed to Delaware, with which city he has since been identified. Here he was associated with his brother, Dr. James H., for two years, until the latter's death, and has since practiced alone, having met with eminent success.

Dr. Hughs is a member of the American Medical Association and also of the Delaware County Medical Society. He is identified with a number of social organizations, among which are the Knights of Pythias and Improved Order of Red Men. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and on various occasions he has served as delegate to conventions, etc. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Hughs was married in 1881 to Miss Emma Newhouse, daughter of J. R. Newhouse, of Scioto township, this county. They have one child, Harriet J.

DR. JAMES N. WRIGHT, one of the prominent members of the medical profession of Union county, Ohio, has been located at Raymond's since 1882.

Dr. Wright was born at Johnstown, Licking county, Ohio, August 6, 1858, son of James N., Sr., and Effie (Willison) Wright, both natives of that county, born respectively in the years 1818 and 1822, and both still living on a farm near Johnstown. The Doctor's grandfather, Simeon Wright, was born near Rutland, Vermont, and was by occupation a farmer. He came with his family to Ohio in 1816, and settled in Licking county, which was at that time nearly all dense forest. Here, while in the prime of life, he met his death by a runaway team. He was a veteran of the war of 1812, having served all through that war as a Major, under Ethan Allen. His sons all became farmers, and were among the best people of Licking county; all were stanch Republicans, and one served in the State Legislature.

The subject of our sketch is one of a family of seven children, he being the sixth. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm, and his education was received in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and at Wooster (Ohio) College. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. T. J. Williams, of Sunbury, Ohio, and took a three years' course in the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor, where he graduated in June, 1882. In August of that year he came to Raymond's and entered upon his professional career, and here he has met with merited success, winning the confidence of the people from the very first, and now having a practice of considerable magnitude. Both as a physician and financier

he is a success. He owns a fine farm of ninety-three acres adjoining Raymond's, the management of which he superintends.

Dr. Wright was married at Johnstown, Ohio, October 18, 1882, to Miss Florence L. Hill, daughter of A. J. Hill, and they have an interesting family of five, namely: James W., Helen E., Miles L., Donald M. and Gladys R.

The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a Steward and Trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, being Master of the Masonic Lodge at Marysville, and Vice Chancellor of Raymond's Lodge, No. 657, K. of P.

D G. CRATTY, who occupies a position of distinctive prominence as one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Ostrander, Delaware county, Ohio, a man of broad ideas, force of character and unimpeachable integrity, is particularly deserving of mention in connection with a consideration of the lives of the leading citizens of the county, of which same he is a native and with whose stable development along normal channels he has been closely identified.

Born, November 6, 1828, in the vicinity of the thriving village of which he is now a resident, Mr. Cratty is the son of John and Eleanor (Porter) Cratty, the former of whom was a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, of which State his father, William Cratty, was also a native, coming of stanch old Irish stock. John Cratty was a farmer by occupation, a Republican in his political views, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a man of much intelligence and honor. The mother of our subject was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William Porter, who was of Welsh ancestry. Mrs. Cratty departed this life at the age of seventy-five years, and her husband entered into eternal rest at the age of eighty-nine years, the funeral occurring on the day which marked the anniversary of his birth. Both died in the State of Ohio. They were the parents of seven children, namely: William Porter, deceased; Rosa Anna, deceased wife of Alfred McCampbell; D. G., subject of this review; Sarah, deceased wife of N. B. Tanner; Wilson; Lucinda, wife of W. C. Wingett; and Reuben, a resident of David City, Nebraska.

Amid the manifold duties and free, out-of-door life of the farm our subject was reared to man's estate, securing such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools in the vicinity of his home, and early manifesting that sturdy independence and self-reliance which have been typical characteristics of his life. While still a young man he commenced operations on his own responsibility, engaging for several years in buying wool; next giving his attention to the purchasing and shipping of live-stock, and subsequently dealing extensively in land and merchandise. In whatever line he directed his efforts they were attended by success, his business sagacity and executive ability standing him well in hand. At the present time he is engaged in the milling business, his fine, roller-process mill, which is equipped with the most improved machinery, having a capacity for the output of fifty barrels of flour per day, and proving an inestimable benefit to the farming community, as well as a most valuable acquisition to the industrial activities of the village. Mr. Cratty is also proprie-

tor of the leading livery and sale stable of Ostrander.

Politically he is an ardent Republican and a prime factor in the local councils of his party. He is one of the leaders of Republicanism in his township and has been called upon to serve in numerous positions of public trust and honor, having held the preferment as Justice of the Peace four terms, the office of Constable ten years, and having also served as Assessor and Trustee and as a delegate to county and State conventions. These incumbencies perfectly betoken his popularity and the confidence and esteem in which he is held in the community.

Mr. Cratty rendered effective service to his country during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting May 11, 1864, as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and being mustered out August 24, 1864, as First Lieutenant of his company. He is now prominently identified with the G. A. R., being first Commander of Joseph Tanner Post, No. 531, of Ostrander. He has also been for many years an officer of Edinburg Lodge, No. 467, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Cratty was married November 18, 1852, to Miss Martha J. Crane, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth Crane, the former of whom is now deceased. Their son, Joseph Crane, participated in the late war, as a member of the Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and is now deceased.

Our subject and his wife have three children: O. L., who is associated with his father in the livery business; Amanda R., wife of Dr. C. M. Wanzer, of Zanesfield, Ohio, and Nellie May, wife of Charles Bell, of Madison county, Ohio. Both daughters are graduates of the Ostrander high school. Mr. Cratty is and has been a member of the K. of P., Ostrander Lodge, No. 348, since its organization, May 9, 1889, being its first Chancellor; also, a member of the I. O. O. F., Marysville Encampment, No. 114.

J A. CULBERTSON, Milford Centre, Ohio, is one of the representative citizens of Union county. He has resided on his present farm for over thirty years and is thoroughly identified with the interests of this section of the country.

Mr. Culbertson was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 11, 1841, and is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors who were prominent in the wars of this country, and who were zealous in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. His father, Captain John C. Culbertson, was born on Culbertson Row, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1791. He was an Ensign in the Twenty-second United States Regulars and served with distinction at Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, receiving two wounds. For bravery on the field of battle he received a Captain's commission. After the war he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and engaged in merchandising, furnishing supplies to the Government forts, and selling goods to the frontier merchants from St. Louis to the Texas and Mexican borders. In this way he accumulated a fortune. He then located in Cincinnati and helped to found the old Franklin Bank, known as the "Three Johns Bank," the names of the founders being John C. Culbertson, John Rozebeck and John Kilgore. This solid financial institution stood firmly through the great crises of 1837, 1847 and 1857. Like his forefathers,

the Captain was a stanch Presbyterian, and a liberal supporter of the church. Politically he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He was truly a self-made man. He started out in the world with only $50, and by his honest industry and good management he accumulated a large property. Personally he was of commanding presence, six feet and three inches in height. He was twice married and had a family of ten children, his first wife being Margaret Hamilton, and his second, Jane Moody, daughter of Rev. John Moody. The names of his children are as follows: John M., of Indiana; Mary Kilheath, New York city; Joseph A., the subject of this article; H. Clay, Cincinnati; Samuel D., of Union county, Ohio; William, deceased; Robert, Cincinnati; Anna Addy, Cincinnati; Frank, Texas; and Elizabeth Annore, New York city.

J. A. Culbertson was reared in his native city, and was educated at Princeton College. When the first call for troops was made, in 1861, to put down the Rebellion, he enlisted in Company A, Sixth Ohio; went to the front, and was first under fire at Beverly, Virginia. For meritorious service he was made Adjutant of the Fiftieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later was promoted to the Captaincy of the Fifty-second Ohio; was on duty in Virginia and Kentucky, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Lexington and others. After the battle of Stone River he resigned his commission and returned home.

In 1863 Mr. Culbertson settled on his present farm, a fine tract of 300 acres, which is ranked with the best farms in the township. His commodious residence is surrounded by attractive grounds, and the whole premises, from the substantial buildings, good fences, etc., to the well-cultivated fields, all give evidence of the owner's prosperity.

Mr. Culbertson was married in 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Martha Trumell, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Trumell. Her widowed mother is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, her father having died in 1890. He was a soldier in the United States Army, and his three sons, David, Albert, and John, were also in the army, two of them being in his regiment, and Albert in an Ohio volunteer regiment.

Personally our subject has the bearing of a soldier. He is six feet and one inch high, perfectly erect, and weighs 288 pounds. He has what few possess, namely, a magnificent personal presence. Socially he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and Silas Kimball Post, G. A. R.

DAVID B. LOCKWOOD, who is engaged in farming in Liberty township, Union county, Ohio, is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his township.

Mr. Lockwood was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, March 21, 1826, son of Walter and Dorothea (Barnes) Lockwood, the former a native of Harrisburg, Vermont, and the son of an Englishman, and the latter a native of Worcester county, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Willard Barnes, of that State. The Lockwood family removed from Canada to Ohio in 1844 and settled in Liberty township, Union county, and in 1857 the parents went to Iroquois county, Illinois, where they spent the residue of their lives, both living to advanced age. The mother died in 1880, at the age of eighty-one, and the father in 1885, at

the age of eighty-five. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were highly esteemed for their many excellent qualities. They had six children, namely: Frederick, Iroquois county, Illinois; David B., the subject of this article; Amelia Donferth, of Illinois; Adison, deceased; Ellen deceased; and Elmer, Iroquois county, Illinois.

His father being a farmer, the subject of our sketch was reared to farm life and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. With the exception of ten months that he spent in Illinois, he has resided in Liberty township ever since he came to Ohio in 1844. His farm comprises sixty-six and a half acres and has good improvements upon it.

Mr. Lockwood was married March 28, 1849, to Miss Mary J. Harsha, who was born near Saratoga Springs, New York, daughter of Thomas and Lorena (Beers) Harsha, the former a native of Washington county, New York, and the latter of Connecticut. The Harshas are of Irish descent. Mrs. Harsha's father was Uriah Beers, a member of one of the prominent early families of Connecticut. Thomas Harsha and his family came to Ohio in 1837, and, after a sojourn of two weeks in Columbus, came to the farm where Mr. Lockwood now resides. At that time there was a log cabin on the place and a few acres had been cleared. Here Mr. and Mrs. Harsha passed the rest of their lives and died, he being sixty-two at the time of death. She died March 4, 1861. Religiously they were Presbyterians. Of their family of three children we record that Clarisa died in 1841, at the age of eighteen years; that Mary was the second born and is the only one now living, and that Sarah died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood have four children, viz: Clarisa Lavina, wife of Newman Dillion; Alice, wife of John Mahaffy, has two children, Evan L. and Dwight E.; Charlie married Dela Jenkins and has three children, Guy, Pearl, and Dyer; and Thomas Frost married Lora Burham and has one child, Alice. Mrs. Dillion and Mrs. Mahaffy are both ladies of education and culture and were before marriage engaged in teaching.

Mr. Lockwood is a Republican in his political views, and in his religious faith is a Methodist, while Mrs. Lockwood is a member of the Baptist Church.

CALVIN TIMMONS, Raymond's, Union county, Ohio, is ranked with the successful and well-known farmers of Liberty township. He is a native of this county, born near Irwin Station, March 14, 1841.

His father, George W. Timmons, was born in one of the Eastern States, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Smith, was born in Ohio. They had a family of six children, three of whom are living, all in different States,—John in Missouri, Lewis in Kansas, and Calvin in Ohio. James was a Union soldier, and died from disease contracted while in the army. The father died in Champaign county, Ohio, at the age of fifty-seven years; the mother lived to be over eighty-two.

Calvin Timmons was reared on a farm in Champaign county, and early in life was inured to such work as is found on a frontier farm. His education was obtained in the common schools and in the practical school of experience. Twenty-five years ago he settled on his present farm and here he has since lived. He has made all the im-

provements found here now, the old fences and buildings all having been replaced by new ones, and the farm now being classed with the best in the neighborhood. The residence is a story-and-a-half cottage located on a beautiful building site and surrounded by an attractive lawn dotted over with shade trees; and the barn, 34 x 60 feet, adorned with a cupola, is as convenient as it is neat. A fine orchard and an acre of small fruit are among other additions to this valuable property. Indeed, the whole farm has an air of thrift and prosperity and shows the owner to be a man of more than ordinary enterprise.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Timmons married Miss Mary E. Argo, who was born in this township, daughter of D. S. and Sarah (Hensen) Argo. Her father was one of the prominent early settlers of Union county, as also was her grandfather, William Hensen. Mr. and Mrs. Timmons have three daughters, namely: Ida Mary, wife of Frank Jones, residing near Urbana, Ohio, has four children, Omer, Norma, Oral and Twan; Enola Leota, wife of Frank Scott, of Liberty township, has one daughter,—Fern; and Autice, at home.

Like his worthy father, Mr. Timmons affiliates with the Republican party. Both he and his wife are members of the Freewill Baptist Church. Few men in this vicinity are held in higher esteem than is Calvin Timmons.

WILLIAM H. SIDEBOTTOM, principal of the Milford Centre schools, was born in Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio, December 31, 1852, son of John H. and Eliza (Taylor) Sidebottom.

Mr. Sidebottom traces his ancestry back to the English and Welsh. His grandfather, John Sidebottom, came from Oldham, England, to America when he was seventeen years of age, and located at Winchester, Virginia. There he formed the acquaintance of Elizabeth Drake, a descendant of Sir Francis Drake, which acquaintance ripened into love and resulted in an elopement, the young couple coming West and settling in the Quaker town of Mount Pleasant. Here they enjoyed a long and happy married life, and celebrated their golden wedding. He died at the age of ninety-three and she at ninety-five. By trade he was a weaver, weaving blankets and carrying them across the mountains to market. Prior to his coming to this country he was a member of the Church of England, and afterward he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a local preacher in the same. Always in a good humor, and with a kind word for everybody, he was popular with all who knew him. He was a fine musician, as also was his wife, and both taught music.

This musical talent was transmitted to their only child, John H., who at six years of age played the dulcimer and sang alto by note in the church. At sixteen he was bound out to an architect, who was also a musician and from whom young John learned to play the violin, becoming an expert on that instrument. When Ole Bull, the Norwegian violinist, was in Cincinnati, Ohio, he played with him. He was also an apt student at his trade, and at nineteen was pronounced a full-fledged architect, at which he worked until about the year 1857. At that time he built a Presbyterian church, was beaten out of his pay, and vowed he would quit the business. From that time

he devoted his attention to music. He had always been a lover of band music. At the age of twenty he led a band at a band tournament at Pittsburg and there took second prize. During the civil war he enlisted as Fife Major in the Army of the Cumberland, where he served until he was honorably discharged on account of disability. He wrote and arranged much of the music used by that branch of the army. After the war he gave his attention to writing and arranging music. He was an active Mason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His death occurred in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, in 1885, at the age of sixty-five years.

The mother of our subject died in March, 1873, at the age of forty-eight years. She was a daughter of John and Dorothea (Klein) Taylor. John Taylor was born in Wales about the year 1792 and came to America in 1812. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. His wife, Dorothea, belonged to a Pennsylvania-Dutch family. Soon after their marriage they located at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, where he followed the trade of carpenter until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-six years of age. His wife lived to be ninety-four. Both were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had a family of sixteen children who grew up to occupy honorable and useful positions in life and who are widely scattered over the United States.

John H. and Eliza (Taylor) Sidebottom had ten children, viz.: John, a resident of Belmont county, Ohio; James, who was killed in the battle of Manassas; Orpha, wife of Josiah Morris, Madison county, Ohio; Anna, wife of S. Morris, Kirksville, Missouri; Henry, who died in 1874, at the age of twenty-three years; William H., whose name heads this article; Amanda, who died at the age of three years; Minnie, wife of Charles Neff, Belmont county, Ohio; Lida, wife of Frank S. Wilson, Clarke county, Ohio; and Mary, widow of John Osborn, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

William H. was reared in his native town. When he was nine years of age he went into a woolen factory, where he worked three years, keeping up his studies by candle light, and after this spent two years on a farm. During these five years he attended school only three months. From the time he was fourteen until he was seventeen he was in school five months of each year, working during the summers. Then he began teaching, and to this profession he has faithfully applied himself for twenty-four years, fourteen of which have been in graded schools. In 1886 he came to Milford Centre. At that time the schools here were ungraded, the attendance was small, and only three teachers were employed. His first work was to get out a manual and grade the schools, and by his untiring efforts he has brought them up to their present high standard of excellence. The Milford Centre school now has six departments. He was the one to propose and draw plans for the addition to the school building, and he also superintended the construction of the same. Through the combined efforts of F. E. Reynolds and himself, furniture, apparatus and books to the amount of $700 have been added to the school. It was largely through his influence that the office of Township Superintendent was established, thus making the school at Milford Centre a high school, and he was chosen the first to fill this office, which position he still holds. Over forty pupils have graduated from this school. Mr. Sidebottom is also County School Examiner, having served as such

since 1888. In 1893, through his efforts, Union county was made the banner county of the State in the Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle.

Politically he is a Republican. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace, at the election receiving every vote, Democratic as well as Republican. In fraternal circles he is also prominent. He was made a Mason in 1880 and is now a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 153, F. & A. M.; he became a Knight of Pythias at London, Ohio, in 1874, and was one of the charter members of the Milford Centre Lodge, No. 274, having ever since held official position in it and also serving twice as representative to the Grand Lodge; and in Derby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., he has passed all the chairs.

Mr. Sidebottom was married in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, December 30, 1875, to Miss Artie Geer, a native Clarke county, this State, and a daughter of Lewis and Rebecca Geer. They have two children, Alameda and Morris.

Mr. Sidebottom is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been a church member since he was seven years old.

THOMAS J. CONNER, a prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen of Union township, Union county, Ohio, was born in the township in which he now lives September 20, 1845.

Mr. Conner comes of Irish ancestors. His father, John Conner, was born in county Kings, Ireland; was reared, educated and married there, the maiden name of his wife being Catharine Connely. Soon after their marriage they came to the United States and first located in Albany, New York, from whence they subsequently removed to Ohio and settled in Union county. Here at first they lived with Ed. Moran and later owned a farm of their own. Mr. Conner landed in this country with no means whatever, his only capital being his strong arm and his willingness to work, and by his industry and frugality and the able assistance of his good wife he secured a valuable property and was ranked with the solid men of the township. At the time of his death he owned 465 acres of good land, well improved with brick residence, etc. His wife died at the age of forty-three years and he lived to be seventy-six. They had seven children, namely: Maria, deceased; Eliza, wife of Dr. A. Boylon; Ann, deceased; Thomas J., the subject of this sketch; Selestine, wife of Marion Hopkins, Marysville; John P., a resident of Allen township, this county, and George, of Mill Creek, Ohio.

Thomas J. Conner was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the district schools. When the civil war came on and continued to rage, and President Lincoln called for "300,000 more," young Conner enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front. While near Harper's Ferry he received a bullet wound in the left leg, after which he was in hospital at Annapolis for some time. April 10, 1863, he was honorably discharged, after which he returned home. For two years and a half Mr. Conner was in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, at St. Petersburg, Clarion county. The greater part of his life, however, has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He came to his present farm in 1891. Here he has 126 acres of choice land, nicely improved with good residence, barn, fences, and orchard, and everything kept up in first-class shape.

Mr. Conner was married September 14, 1869, to Miss Rose Spain, a lady of education and refinement, who was, before her marriage, engaged in teaching. She, too, is a native of Union township. Her father, Ed Spain, was born in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1811, and was married in Union county, Ohio, in 1831, to Mary Reed Gabriel. He died in 1881. Following are the names of their children who are living: Mary Elizabeth; Lusetta Smith, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Rose Conner; Ella Rowe, Minneapolis; and William, also of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner have three children: Anna, Harry, and Edna, aged respectively twenty, seventeen and eight years. Miss Anna is a graduate of the Milford Centre high school with the class of 1892.

Politically Mr. Conner is a Prohibitionist. He is now in the prime of life, is genial and jovial, and has an abundant supply of that native wit which is a striking characteristic of the race from which he is descended.

DAVID HILDRETH, who resides on a farm near Pharisburg, Ohio, is one of the prominent men of Union county, he having resided here for nearly half a century. We take pleasure in presenting the following sketch of his life:

David Hildreth was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the banks of Dry creek, October 7, 1821. His father and grandfather, both named William, were natives of Connecticut, and the latter was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The younger William Hildreth was a boy when he came with his parents to Ohio and settled in Muskingum county, which was then on the frontier and nearly all covered with forest. There he grew up and married, the lady of his choice being Elizabeth, daughter of David Stoakly, who had moved from Kentucky to Ohio. In 1817 he and his wife took up their abode in a log cabin in the woods of Knox county, they being among the first settlers of the county. Game of all kinds was plenty then, and by actual count the father of our subject killed over 200 deer. His home was located five miles southwest of Mount Vernon. The first load of goods that was ever brought into Mount Vernon was hauled there with an ox team by him from Zanesville. He continued to reside there until 1850, when he removed to Union county, and here he spent the rest of his life, and died at the age of sixty-nine years. In Leesburg township he built a saw and grist-mill, which he ran for some time. He also practiced medicine some. Indeed, he was a man of general usefulness, and always exerted an influence for good in the communities where he lived. His good wife survived him some years, she being eighty at the time of death. The names of their ten children are as follows: David, William, Gilman, Benoni, Lafayette, Marcus, Abigail, Elizabeth, Mary and Bethsheba.

David was reared on his father's farm in Knox county. He received his education in the log school house near his home and later in the dear school of experience. At the age of twenty-five he married and came to his present location, and here he has ever since resided. He built his log cabin in the woods, cleared away the forest and cultivated the land, and in time from his own planting a fine orchard sprang up. He now has ninety-eight acres of land and good farm buildings, his residence being made attractive by a pretty lawn in front, and here

he is surrounded with all the comforts of life, the result of his years of honest and earnest toil.

Mr. Hildreth was married March 19, 1846, to Eliza A. Riley, a most amiable lady, a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, and a daughter of William Riley, who came to Ohio from Kentucky. After the death of her father, which occurred in Muskingum county, the widowed mother and her children removed to Knox county, where Mrs. Hildreth was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth have children as follows: Columbus S., Harriet A., wife of A. Gardiner; Josephine, wife of S. I. Bell; Lucy, wife of E. M. Steneman; Alice, wife of McDow Bolinger; Angeline, wife of Alva Vamti; and Rosella, wife of William Soliday.

Politically Mr. Hildreth is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church at Glendale, in which he has officiated as Elder. Cordial and jovial in manner, he has many friends among both the old and the young.

DR. JOSEPH WATSON, one of the leading physicians of Cardington, Ohio, has resided here since 1861. He was born near Mansfield, in Richland county, Ohio, October 24, 1824, son of Dr. Noah and Elizabeth (Dodson) Watson. Dr. Noah Watson was a native of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, born December 10, 1790, son of Amariah Watson, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and a soldier of the Revolution. The Watson family are of Welsh and English origin, and were for many years residents of Connecticut. Noah Watson was a Sergeant in the war of 1812. About the time that war opened he came to Ohio and located at Lexington, where he was subsequently married to Bathsheba Eastman, who died only a short time after their marriage. He remained in Richland county six years, after which he returned to Pennsylvania and studied medicine, and while there he married for his second wife Miss Elizabeth Dodson, who was born in Luzerne county, that State, April 29, 1796. In 1823 he came to Ohio and settled on a farm near Lexington. Here he spent the residue of his life and died. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion a Universalist. His death occurred in 1862, and his good wife passed away in 1882. Three of their seven children are now living, viz.: William Watson, of Lyons, Kansas, who has been twice married and has five children; Lucy, widow of Rev. Clark Johnson, Fostoria, Ohio; and Dr. Joseph Watson, the subject of this article.

Dr. Watson spent the first twenty-four years of his life on his father's farm, receiving his education in the public schools. He began the study of medicine at Iberia, under the instructions of Dr. L. L. Barnum, and attended the Western College of Homœopathy, where he graduated in 1853. After his graduation he entered upon the practice of his profession at Westfield, Ohio, where he remained six years. Since 1861, as stated at the beginning of this sketch, he has been identified with the medical profession of Cardington, being one of the pioneers of his school in this county.

Dr. Watson was first married in 1848, to Lucy Amelia Barnum, their happy married life being of short duration, as her untimely death occurred the year following her marriage. In 1855 he married Ella J. Mills, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, in May, 1836, and who was a lady of education and culture. She died of la grippe in

1890. They had four children, of whom three are living, viz: Orville E., a graduate of the Cardington high school, Kenyon College, and the Ohio Wesleyan University, spent one year of study in Europe, and upon his return to America was appointed minor canon of the cathedral at Cleveland, which position he still holds; Clarence V., deceased; Minette, an artist of some note, has been a student at both Cincinnati and New York city; and Jessie, who was a student in the Cincinnati College of Music, is a fine performer upon the piano and organ.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while the Doctor is an Episcopalian. Politically he is an active Republican.

GEORGE M. McPECK, one of the most enterprising business men of Marysville, Ohio, and one of the members of the company for supplying light and water to this city, has been a resident of Union county since 1852, and of Marysville since 1883.

He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, July 19, 1842, son of William H. and Elizabeth (Speck) McPeck, natives respectively of Westmoreland and Washington counties, Pennsylvania; both died in this county, the father in 1891, at the of seventy-five years, and the mother in 1892, at the age of seventy-three years. In early life the father learned the trade of brick and stone mason, and carried on an extensive business in that line for some years. The most of his life, however, was devoted to farming. When he came to Union county, Ohio, he settled on 220 acres of timber land in Washington township, which he developed into a good farm and upon which he resided from 1852 until 1883. In 1883 he removed to Marysville, where he spent the closing years of his life in retirement from active business. His grandfather, the great-grandfather of George M., was born in county Donegal, Ireland, and was the first of the family to come to America. Another branch of our subject's ancestry originated in Scotland, and thus he is of Scotch and Irish descent. The family have been represented in the various wars of the country. William H. and Elizabeth McPeck had a family of six children, namely: George M.; Margaret J., wife of William M. Haines, of Marion county, Ohio; Isabelle A., wife of W. J. Drake, of Logan county, Ohio; Stephen, Union county, Ohio; Sarah A., wife of William Deihl, Marysville; and Mary E., wife of John Reuhlen, Logan county.

George M. was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. At nineteen he began teaching school. This was during the first year of the war, and about the time he opened his school a company was being made up in his neighborhood; so, after teaching only three days, he left the schoolroom and joined the Union army. He enlisted December 2, 1861, in Company H, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was mustered out July 24, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky; and received his discharge at Columbus, Ohio, July 29. He had veteranized January 1, 1864, in the same company and regiment, and served in the same command from the first to the last of the war, going in as a private and coming home with the rank of First Sergeant. To give a detailed account of his army life would be to write a history of the greater part of the civil war, which, of course, is not our purpose in this work. Suffice it to say that he was in many

of its most important engagements, and that prominent among them were those of second Bull Run, Gettysburg, Mission Ridge, Resaca, the siege of Atlanta and the march with Sherman to the sea; thence on up into the Carolinas, and finally participating in the Grand Review at Washington. In all his service he was never captured by the enemy, but on two occasions he was wounded,—first, in the second battle of Bull Run, where he was wounded in the right thigh, from the effects of which he was confined in hospital four months; second, at Gettysburg, this time receiving a gun-shot wound in his right arm, which unfitted him for duty until the latter part of August, when he again joined his command. A braver, truer soldier than George M. McPeck never entered the Union ranks.

After his return from the army, Mr. McPeck felt the need of a better education, and spent two years in attending school at Marysville and Milan and also Oberlin College. Then until 1872 he was engaged in teaching. In 1872 he invested in some land, buying sixty-three acres in York township, to which he subsequently added seventy-six acres, and he farmed this land and also operated his father's farm, devoting eleven years to agricultural pursuits. He still owns a farm of 223 acres and gives it his personal supervision. In the meantime he began to take an active interest in politics, being a stanch Republican, and in 1883 he was elected to the office of Auditor of Union county, which important position he filled for six years and ten months. While the incumbent of this office he became associated with Mr. Zwerner in the establishment of the electric-light plant in Marysville, to which enterprise he has since given much attention. Later they put in the water-works. This excellent light and water service is of inestimable value to the citizens of Marysville, and to the enterprise and perseverence of Messrs. McPeck and Zwerner may be attributed its success.

As has already been stated, Mr. McPeck has for years been active in political affairs. He served as Chairman of the County Republican Committee, and has on various occasions been a delegate to State, Congressional and county conventions. And in fraternal circles he is also prominent and active. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is Past Commander of his post; belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders, and both he and his wife have received the Rebekah degree.

Mr. McPeck resides on West Fifth street and has a pleasant home and an interesting family. He was married May 15, 1877, to Miss Rachel E. Rowe, daughter of David and Catharine Rowe, her native place being Pickaway county, Ohio. They have had five children,—Winfred C., Margaret E., Wilber G., Herbert E., and May Bell. All are living except Margaret E.

Mrs. McPeck is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

C. J. SLOUGH.—Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of spontaneity, but is the legitimate offspring of subjective effort in the proper utilization of the means at hand, the improvement of opportunity and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability in any case. In view of this condition the study of biography

becomes valuable and its lessons of practical use. To trace the history of a successful life, be it in the electrical world of business, where competition is rife; in the intellectual field, whose devotees open up the wider realms of knowledge; in a public sphere, where is directed the course of government and the policies formed that sway nations; or in the calm and peaceful pursuits which have to do with the source of all supplies, the base of all human achievement,—the calling forth from mother earth her benefices and goodly returns,—must ever prove profitable and satisfying indulgence, for the history of the individual is the history of the nation; the history of the nation that of the world.

Under the last element of this category may we direct attention to him whose name initiates this review,—a man who has not been denied a full measure of success; whose military record is one of honor, and whose private life has not been unworthy of emulation.

A native of Delaware township, Delaware county, Ohio, Mr. Slough was born October 15, 1844, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Trout) Slough, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1810, his wife being also a native of the old Keystone State. Joseph Slough came to Ohio in 1831, locating in Delaware county, where his marriage was consummated soon after. The mother of our subject died in 1848, leaving four children: Mrs. Sarah A. Baker, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Harriet E. Webster, of Chicago; C. J., subject of this review; and Jonathan, a resident of Chicago. The father afterward married Mary A. Nye, who survives him, his death having occurred in 1872. He was a Republican in his political views and was an official in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject grew to maturity in Delaware county, securing such educational advantages as were afforded by the schools in the vicinity of his home and assisting in carrying on the work of the paternal farmstead.

February 12, 1862, at the age of eighteen years, Mr. Slough enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company I, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and serving until the close of the war. Under General McDowell he participated in the battles of Port Republic, Cross Keys, second battle of Bull Run; was wounded at Gettysburg, again at Chancellorsville, and finally, at Canfield, received such serious wounds in the left thigh and right hip as to necessitate his confinement in the hospitals at Baltimore and Falmouth for a period of five months. During his term of service Mr. Slough walked more than 2,500 miles. He was discharged May 20, 1865, as First Sargeant, and then returned to his home in Delaware township, where he remained until the spring of 1872, when he took up his residence on his present farm in Berlin township, the place comprising 600 acres. In 1891 he erected a handsome modern residence, at a cost of $4,000, the same being one of the finest country homes in the county. Mr. Slough pins his faith to the principles and policies advocated by the Republican party, and he has held the township offices of Trustee and Clerk. Fraternally he retains a membership in the Union Delaware League and the Knights of Pythias.

October 11, 1871, was celebrated the marriage of our subject to Miss Cynthia R., a daughter of George and Mercy (Andrews) Ridgeway, the former of whom was a na-

tive of Putnam county, New York, where he was born October 8, 1823; the latter, who was the daughter of Timothy Andrews, was born in Berlin township, this county. George Ridgeway was the son of Isaac and Martha (Adams) Ridgeway; he came to Delaware county at the age of twelve years, and eventually became one of the prominent stockmen of the locality. He and his wife were the parents of two children: Cynthia R. and Josephine R. The mother died in 1859, and the father survived her a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Slough had two children: Myrtle J. and Carrie B. Mrs. Slough was called to eternal rest October 15, 1888, mourned by a large circle of devoted friends. October 22, 1891, Mr. Slough wedded Josephine Ridgeway, sister of his deceased wife. They have one child, Mildred Eveline.

JUDGE BERTRAND ANDREWS, Mount Gilead, Ohio, is one of the prominent lawyers in this part of the State. Of his life and ancestry, we present the following brief sketch:

Judge Andrews is of Scotch origin. His grandfather, Philemon Andrews, was born in Scotland, and shortly after the Revolutionary war became a citizen of the United States. His son, Erastus Andrews, the Judge's father, was born in Vermont in 1793, and for fourteen years was in the United States Navy, where he held the rank of Lieutenant. He was promoted to the office of Commander about the time he resigned. He was wounded in the war of 1812. At Truxton, Cortland county, New York, Erastus Andrews married Miss Polly Freeman, who was born at Colerain, Massachusetts, February 22, 1800, daughter of Rev. Rufus Freeman, a Baptist minister. Rev. Freeman was for eight years in the Revolutionary war, three years as a private, and the rest of the time as Chaplain, and at the battle of Monmouth was wounded. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Andrews settled in Cortland county, New York, where they resided six years, at the end of that time removing to Westfield, Chautauqua county, same State, and in 1826 coming from the latter place to Ohio, and settling on a farm in Medina county. At that time there were only two other families in the township. He died in 1846, and she in 1869. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Sophia Haskins; Bertrand, whose name heads this article; Phœbe Howell; Augusta Durand; Eliza A. Watt, wife of Dr. Watt, of Iowa; and E. E., a veteran of the civil war, and now proprietor of the Chippewa Lake resort, Medina county, Ohio. The eldest son, Rev. Dudley Andrews, died in 1861 at Hebron, Licking county, Ohio. Rufus S., who died August 1, 1893, was surveyor of the port of New York during President Lincoln's administration; he was present at the death of President Lincoln.

Judge Andrews was born at Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York, October 21, 1822, and grew to manhood on his father's frontier farm in Medina county, Ohio, receiving his education in the district schools, Wadsworth Academy and Granville College. He began the study of law at Wooster, Ohio, and completed his law course under the instructions of C. A. Lake, of Medina county. June 6, 1848, he was admitted to the bar and immediately thereafter entered upon the practice of his profession in Medina county. In June of the following year he came to Morrow county and

located at Mount Gilead, where he has since resided. During all these years he has been a prominent factor in the town. He has served on the City Council and the School Board, and for a number of years he was Mayor of Mount Gilead. For two terms, beginning in 1863, he was Prosecuting Attorney of Morrow county. In 1892 he was appointed Probate Judge, and was elected for the short term of 1893. Always a stanch Republican, he has taken an active interest in political matters, frequently serving as delegate in county and State conventions and doing much as a campaign speaker for his party.

Judge Andrews was married September 8, 1844, to Rachel Hand, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and daughter of Samuel H. Hand. She was born July 6, 1824, and was educated at Wooster, Ohio. They are the parents of six children, of whom five are living, namely: Samuel H., a veteran of the civil war, he having enlisted when he was seventeen; Mary J., wife of R. P. Miller, has four children; Ida S., wife of D. D. Rodgers, of Youngstown, Ohio, has one child; Fredericka I.; and Walter O.

The Judge and all his family are members of the Baptist Church, he being an official in the church. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. His son, Walter O., is Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias and also holds next to the highest office in the Encampment, I. O. O. F.

NORTON REED, who stands as one of the prominent and popular agriculturists of Union county, is a native of this county, having been born on the old paternal homestead, on Big Darby creek, July 5, 1836. The identification of the Reed family with the history of Union county traces back to the early pioneer days, the father of our subject, Samuel K. Reed, having also been a native of the county, where he was reared to man's estate.

Samuel K. was the son of David Reed, who settled on the rich bottom lands of the Big Darby in the first year of the present century, the county at that time being still a forest wild, with settlers few and far between. The wife of David Reed was of Irish extraction. In the primitive old log school-house, with its slab seats and meager equipments, Samuel K. Reed received his educational discipline, which was limited in extent, but which served as the effectual basis for the broad practical education which he gained in the experiences of life. Attaining mature years, he married Amanda Hale, daughter of Oxford Hale, one of the early pioneers of the county. The issue of this union was thirteen children, of whom ten lived to attain maturity, namely: Newton, Norton, Oxford H., Ross, David, Adolphus, Josephus and Josephine (twins), Samuel and Alpheus. David was a member of an Illinois regiment during the late war, and met his death in the battle of Chickamauga.

Samuel Reed was a farmer all his life and he lived to attain the advanced age of three-score and ten, his death occurring in Shelby county, Illinois; it is a noteworthy fact that his widow died at the same age, having been a resident of Shelby county, Illinois, at the time of her demise. The father of our subject was an old-line Democrat and was a prominent worker in the party ranks, having served one term as a Representative in the Legislature. He was a man of high intelligence and utmost recti-

tude of character, and was a popular and honored citizen.

Norton Reed, the immediate subject of this review, was reared on the old home farm in this county and was accorded such educational advantages as the place and period afforded, attending the district schools of that favored section known as Darby Plains. At the age of twenty-three years he went West and passed some few years in Illinois and Iowa, after which he returned to his native county and resumed his connection with the agricultural industries of the same. He located on his present farm in 1860, and has since devoted himself to its cultivation and improvement. The place comprises 170 acres, and the land is most productive, has a good dwelling house and other permanent improvements of excellent order, while there is evidence on every side of the discriminating care given to its operation, the work being carried on according to progressive methods, showing the application of brain as well as brawn.

At the age of twenty-three years our subject was united in marriage to Miss Selina E. Porter, daughter of that prominent pioneer of the township, the late William Porter, and a sister of H. W. Porter, a sketch of whose life appears on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Reed became the parents of the following named children: S. M., who is a carpenter at Milford Centre, this county; Lulu, wife of Charles E. Mooney, of Pickaway county, Ohio; Frank, at home; and Carrie, who died in early childhood.

Politically our subject lends his influence and support to the Democratic party, and stands high in the local councils of the same. He has served his township as Trustee for the past sixteen years,—a circumstance which perfectly attests the ability which is his and the respect and confidence in which he is held in the community. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, retaining a membership in Lodge No. 274, of Milford Centre. Mrs. Reed is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SMITH N. McCLOUD. — Occupying a conspicuous official preferment, wielding an unmistakable influence upon the political affairs of the county, and closely identified with the industrial life of the vital little city of Marysville, Ohio, there is a special propriety in directing particular attention to the career of him whose name initiates this paragraph.

Turning, then, a retrospective glance back to the nativity of our subject we find that he first saw the light of day in the same State of which he is now an honored resident, the date of his birth having been December 9, 1845; the place, Madison county.

His parents, people of intelligence and honest worth, were Charles and Mary J. (Carpenter) McCloud, the former of whom was of Scotch lineage, the latter of Irish extraction. The father is deceased and the mother is living at Plain City, Ohio.

Smith N. McCloud was reared in his native county, attending the public schools until he had attained the age of about eighteen years, after which he completed the course in the high school of Marysville. This preliminary discipline complete he at once entered upon the active duties of life, showing no inclination to stand back with folded hands to await the golden opportunity, but choosing, rather, to make his own opportunity. Accordingly, he became con-

nected, in a clerical capacity, with a drug business at Plain City, Ohio, and was thus retained until 1865 or '66, when he engaged in the same line of enterprise upon his own responsibility, opening an establishment in the town where he had been employed and thus continuing until 1871, when he removed to Marysville, where he succeeded to the drug business previously conducted by Dr. H. McFadden, and continued this enterprise successfully for a full score of years, the establishment holding precedence as one representative in its line.

In August, 1891, Mr. McCloud disposed of the stock and business, after having given the same his personal supervision during all the time the same had been under his control, the only outside issues which called for a division of his attention being those incidental to his labors in behalf of his political party. He has taken distinctive interest in general and local political matters, has been stanchly arrayed in the support of the Democratic party, and has long been a most powerful factor in the councils of his party adherents in Union county. Almost immediately after his arrival in Marysville he gained recognition as a valuable acquisition to the party ranks, zealous and indefatigable in his efforts, logical in his deductions as to policies, and effective in directing affairs toward the goal of success. He became a member of the Democratic Central Committee of Union county in 1872, and was continuously identified with said organization until 1885, receiving, in July of that year, the appointment as Postmaster of Marysville,—an office which he continued to hold until 1890, proving a most capable and popular executive and aiming to insure to the people of the community the most effective service possible to be secured. After an interim, which marked the Republican administration, he was again appointed Postmaster, in April, 1894, the incumbent under the second *régime* of President Cleveland.

As evidence of the respect and esteem in which Mr. McCloud is held in Marysville, it is apropos that we mention the fact that he was a member of the Common Council of the city prior to his first appointment to the office of Postmaster, and that during his inter-regnum of four years he was again called upon to act in this capacity,—a circumstance the more noteworthy for the reason that the political complexion of the city is strongly Republican.

Reverting to his efforts in connection with his official duties as Postmaster, we find that, within the time of his first administration, he brought about the removal of the postoffice to its present spacious and convenient quarters, and that the fine, modern equipment now in use was introduced largely through his personal and well-directed efforts.

In his fraternal relations Mr. McCloud is prominently identified with the F. & A. M., Palestine Lodge, No. 158; Marysville Chapter, No. 99; also with the I. O. O. F., Marysville Lodge, No. 87; with the Knights of Pythias, Marysville Lodge, No. 100, holding in the same the office of Special Deputy Grand Chancellor of Union county, and having represented his lodge at the several meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Our subject was united in marriage to Miss Nora E. Filler, a native of Springfield, Ohio. They are the parents of seven children, of whom we make brief record as follows: Charles F., who married Miss Ethline Peck, is a resident of Marysville, and has charge of the bottling works in

connection with the mineral springs operated by his father, as noted further on in the context; Imogene, wife of Charles Schwartz, of Marysville, but in the employ of a Cincinnati house as traveling salesman; Lena, who assists her father in the post-office; John J., who is preparing himself for the practice of medicine; May, who is a graduate of the Marysville high school, as are also those older; Nellie, and Erdean.

In considering the business career of our subject there are several matters which call for specific mention as bearing upon the industrial activities of the city and as evidence of his progressive spirit and executive ability. In 1886 Mr. McCloud organized a company and enlisted capital for the sinking of a gas well. The venture as put to the test failed to yield the desired results in the striking of gas, and the enterprise was abandoned in so far as the original project was concerned. However, the well developed a pure, perpetual stream of water, clear as crystal, of alkaline nature, and showing upon analysis a very interesting chemical combination of remedial agents. Additional stock was issued to develop the well upon its medicinal valuation. In this connection a copartnership was formed and a commodious and nicely appointed bath-house erected. This has been in constant operation from the time of its completion and has gained an excellent patronage, the value of the water in the treatment of rheumatism, skin diseases and allied complaints having been thoroughly tested and proved. Of this enterprise our subject assumed full control in 1888, and at the present time the waters are in demand and are shipped to divers sections of the Union. The well produces two waters of different constituency: the "Saline," which is pumped to the surface, and the natural-flowing issue. The bath-house is under the supervision of Charles F., the eldest son of the proprietor.

Mr. McCloud was one of three individuals who established in Marysville the Keeley Institute for the cure of inebriety, and after having placed the enterprise in good running order he disposed of his interests in the same. He is president of the Newhouse Manufacturing Company, of Marysville, organized for the purpose of manufacturing and placing on the market the Newhouse patent horizontal ice-cream freezer, a new and original device of unique order and one that is destined to supersede all other mechanisms in the line, by reason of its unmistakable superiority as shown by most exacting tests. In addition to this the company will also manufacture the Newhouse criculating air purifier and heater, designed for use in both public and private buildings, and bearing the highest recommendations by reason of its effective agency in a sanitary way, in the saving of fuel and in facility of operation. The enterprise is one that will prove of marked value to the commercial status of the city.

Mr. McCloud's beautiful residence, which figures as one of the finest homes in Marysville, was erected in 1892, is of pleasing architectural design, and modern in all appointments and conveniences; the residence is located on Fourth street.

DR. JAMES CUTLER.—It is now privileged the biographer to offer a brief sketch of the life of one who stands as one of the pioneer native residents of this portion of Ohio,—a man of ability in the line of his profession, one who has attained to marked success in temporal

affairs, whose patriotic services to his country have been unstinted, and whose position in the respect and esteem of his fellowmen is assured. It is certainly germane that the life of such an man should come up for consideration in the premises, not for undue panegyric, not, perhaps for the voicing of his own modest estimate of himself, but as giving incidental utterance to the opinions of those who have known him long and well. Such a task can never prove an ungrateful one and there is pleasure in tracing such a genealogy.

Dr. Cutler, who has been a resident of Richwood for upward of two decades, was born in Concord township, Delaware county, Ohio, April 23, 1831, a son of John and Matilda A. Cutler, natives respectively of the States of Delaware and Ohio. John Cutler passed his early life in Delaware, and when a young man determined to seek his fortunes in the West, coming to Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, where he engaged in the shoe and leather business. Here he remained for some few years, when, upon the location of the State capital at Columbus, he removed to that city and there remained until 1829 or 1830, when he removed to Concord township, Delaware county, where he purchased a considerable tract of timber land. To the clearing up of this farm he devoted his attention, also erecting a sawmill, which he subsequently converted into a flouring mill,—an enterprise of much benefit to and duly appreciated by the settlers for miles around.

Mr. Cutler became a power in the community, was alert, progressive, and of high intelligence, and soon gained recognition as one of the leaders in public matters of local order,—one whose counsel was much in demand, whose decisions came to be considered as practically ultimate. He took an active interest in political affairs, and held, in turn, many of the important county and township offices. He was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party, he identified himself therewith, continuing his allegiance during the residue of his life. He had been for many years a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, and became the father of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, the remaining eight living to attain maturity. Of the latter we offer the following brief record: John S. was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preaching for years in this State, and finally going, as a general missionary, to Africa, where he soon after died: he married the daughter of B. H. Willis, of this county, and she still survives, being a resident of Columbus; James, the second child, is the immediate subject of this sketch; H. C., deceased, was a well-known farmer and stock dealer of Delaware county; William H. is a resident of the city of Delaware; Matilda A. is the wife of Joseph Corbin, of Dublin, Franklin county, Ohio; N. E., who died in Richwood, left a wife and one daughter, who are now residents of Delaware; Amanda is a widow, and is a resident of Columbus; Orange D. is a prominent farmer of Jerome, Union county, Ohio. The father served in the war of 1812, and two of his sons, James and W. H., showed their patriotism by bearing arms in the late war of the Rebellion. The last named served as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged after a service of less than one year on account of disa-

bility. The honored father of our subject died, in Concord township, in the fall of 1870, having attained the venerable age of ninety-two years; the mother is also deceased.

The records of the early days in this section of the Union tell of the conditions that maintained and incidentally show what the early life of our subject, must have been. He was reared on the old home farm and attended the district schools up to the time when he reached his fifteenth year. At this time a notable epoch in our national history was ushered in as the result of the protest of Mexico against the annexation of Texas by the United States. Recourse to arms became neccessary and among those to espouse the cause of the Union was the young lad, our subject. In July, 1846, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Second United States Infantry, and served until August, 1848, when he was discharged, in compliance with a petition filed by his father asking for his release on the grounds that he was yet a minor. He first served under General Taylor, in the command of Colonel Riley, the captain of his company being J. B. Kingsbury. This service was along the course of the Rio Grande, whither General Taylor had been sent to protect the new State from threatened invasion by the Mexicans. The regiment was then transferred to the army commanded by General Scott, the hero of Lundy's Lane, to whom had been assigned the task of capturing the Mexican capital. After this transfer our subject did service all the way from Vera Cruz to the proud old Spanish-American capital, where he remained until the treaty of peace was signed, when he returned with his regiment to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was mustered out. Besides having participated in the engagements in the city of Mexico he was also in the battles of Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco Chapultepec. He was on military guard during the time the army was located in the city of Mexico.

After his discharge our subject returned to Delaware county and shortly afterward entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he completed his specific literary education. He then went to West Alexander, Preble county, Ohio, and entered the office of Dr. Patterson Nesbit, under whose preceptorship he remained for some time, after which he entered the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, completing the prescribed course and graduating. He then engaged in the practice of his profession at New California, Union county, where he remained about four years. At this time his country once more issued call to her patriotic sons to come forth in defense of the Union, and he promptly enlisted as First Lieutenant of Company K, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, the date of his enlistment being October 6, 1861. He was commissioned Captain of his company February 6, 1863, but resigned his commission at Columbus on April 20th of the same year, simultaneously retiring from the service. He served in Kentucky and Tennessee, participating in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Stone River and Perryville besides a number of skirmishes. He was taken prisoner at Courtland, Alabama, and for about three months was held in captivity in Mississippi,—at Columbus and Jackson. He was finally exchanged at Vicksburg.

After retiring from the service Dr. Cutler resumed the practice of his profession in Delaware county, locating at Belle Point, where he remained until 1871, when he

came to Richwood, Union county, and engaged in the drug business, continuing the enterprise for a period of nine years, after which he retired for a time from active business. Some little time after locating here he associated himself with the Bank of Richwood, a private banking institution, with which he has ever since maintained a connection in an executive capacity and to whose conduct and affairs he now gives his undivided attention.

A Republican in his political views, the Doctor has been an active worker and has held numerous preferments of honor in the gift of the people. He served in many of the local offices in Concord township, Delaware county, and he was also elected to the sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State Legislature, representing the thirteenth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Union, Logan, Hardin and Marion. While in the Senate he served as a member of the committees of finance, county affairs, reform school for girls, medical societies and benevolent institutions, having been chairman of the committee last mentioned. He has frequently appeared as delegate to State, district and county conventions.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated August 18, 1864, in Columbiana county, this State, where he was united to Miss Lydia Pim, a native of that county and of Quaker parentage. The Doctor and his wife adopted a daughter, Lallah Rookh Cutler, who grew to maturity, her demise occurring in June, 1890. Mrs. Cutler died January 3, 1891, at the age of forty-five years, leaving her devoted husband doubly bereaved,—the silver cord was loosed; the golden bowl broken, and still there remained that rich heritage, the memory of a pure, gentle and holy life, whose influence will abide through the soft twilight that shall mark the declining day of him to whom this dear association was given.

The Doctor has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past twenty-eight years, and he is one of the Trustees of the local organization of this great religious body.

In conclusion we will briefly review the history of the Bank of Richwood. The institution was organized as a private banking establishment, the original promoters having been W. H. Caukwright, B. L. Talmage and John Cahill; the original capitalization, $9,000. Dr. Cutler finally purchased Mr. Caukwright's stock and became president of the institution, an office which he has held continuously ever since, B. L. Talmage being cashier. Aside from these two officials the other stockholders are Robert Smith and C. E. Hill. The capital stock has been increased to $12,000, and there is a surplus fund of $3,000. The bank owns its fine building, which was erected in 1888. The institution is one of the solid financial concerns of the county and secures a representative support, transacting a general banking business.

PROF. DANIEL E. COWGILL, Superintendent of the public schools of Delaware, Ohio, was born in Zanesfield, Logan county, Ohio, April 12, 1854, son of Daniel and Mary (Everett) Cowgill. The family comes of old Virginia stock, their remote ancestors being Scotch-Irish.

Daniel E. was reared in Delaware county from the time he was five years old, his boyhood days being spent on the farm and his early education being attained in the

district schools. In 1873 he entered the preparatory department of the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware, where he completed the classical course and graduated in 1884. In the meantime, however, he taught school a number of terms, and in this way defrayed his own expenses through college. He was employed in the country schools in this county and also at Ashley. After his graduation he taught at Prospect, next at Richwood, and afterward at Van Wert, having charge of the schools at all these points. He spent three years at Van Wert, whence, in the spring of 1891, he came to Delaware, where he has since filled his present position most efficiently. In 1883 he received a life certificate from the State Board of Education. For seventeen years he has been in educational work, and all this time it has been his earnest effort to advance its interests and bring it up to a higher standard. Under his able management the Delaware schools have prospered, and are now in a flourishing condition. He has under his supervision thirty-six teachers, all of whom are performing faithful and efficient work.

Prof. Cowgill was married, in 1880, to Miss Stella Bell, a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and they have two children,—Paul E. and Ruth L. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ABRAHAM MOREY.—A man whose residence in the county dates back nearly an half century, and whose identification with the business interests of Marysville has been conspicuous and continuous during nearly all this entire period, is certainly deserving of marked recognition in a work whose province is the epitomized detailing of the life histories of the representative citizens of Union county. Such are the elements that render consonant the incorporation of the biography of the venerable pioneer whose name initiates this review,—a man who, though past the mark of three-score years and ten, still retains his place among the most prominent business men of the flourishing little city which has been his home for so many years.

The genealogical records extant show that our subject is of German extraction, his grandfather, William Morey, having been born in that section which defines the border line between France and Germany. It is a peculiar and interesting fact that the type of individual native to Alsace-Lorraine and other provinces along the border between the two countries named is wont to exhibit in his make-up the mental attributes of both nationalities,—the quick observative faculties characteristic of the volatile French and the more solid and pragmatic temperament of the German. This blending or assimilation produces a type whose individuality is perhaps stronger and more potential than that of either of the primogenial factors. That these traits, modified by circumstances and environment, are transmitted through succeeding generations is shown when a thorough study is made, and in the mental characteristics of our subject the dual elements are still in evidence.

William Morey took unto himself a wife in the person of a *petite* lady of the Hessian stock and they reared a large family of children,— six daughters and four sons. The father was a saddler and harness-maker by trade and followed this vocation during his early life. He was ingenious in a mechanical line, and even after he had turned his attention to farming he continued to bring

his trade into use in connection with his agricultural pursuits, making his own harness and also erecting on his farm a forge, where he did his own blacksmithing. After his marriage he emigrated to the United States and located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a number of years, after which he moved to Carroll county, Maryland, where he lived but a short time and then returned to the old Keystone State, purchasing a farm in Perry county and eventually erecting thereon a large stone residence, which continued to be the family home for many years and which is still standing. The farm was located on Sherman's creek and the father and mother retained their residence there until all their children had grown to maturity and left home. Mr. Morey then sold the place and came to Ohio, locating on a farm in Trumbull county, where he passed his declining days. He died about 1840, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, his wife passing away a few months later at about the same age. They were members of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Morey was a most zealous and active worker in the same. He was a man of marked intelligence and enterprise, and during his long and useful life he retained the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

The father of our subject was Jacob Morey, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and reared on the old paternal homestead in his native State. Attaining maturity he was married, in Perry county, to Miss Barbara Jacobs, a native of York county, Pennsylvania. They came to Ohio with their family of seven children, in 1836, and settled in Delaware county, where Mr. Morey purchased a farm of fifty-six acres, located on the Scioto river, five miles west of the city of Delaware. He was a model farmer and a successful business man, his name being held in high honor in the community where so many years of his life were passed. Politically he was an unswerving Democrat and religiously a member of the Lutheran Church. He died at the old home in Delaware county, at the venerable age of ninety years; and his widow died at the age of ninety-two, the family having been, through many successive generations, one of extreme longevity.

Jacob and Barbara Morey reared a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, concerning whom we offer the following epitomized record: Abraham, direct subject of this review; David, who went to California during the memorable gold excitement of 1849, is a resident of San Bernardino county, that State, and is prominently concerned in the mining and fruit-growing industries of that favored section; Hester is the wife of William Felkner, of Delaware county, this State; Elizabeth, widow of Rev. Alvin Rose, of Findley, Ohio; Jacob and William, twins, the former of whom is deceased, the latter residing on the old homestead in Delaware county; Israel is a resident of Delaware county and is Postmaster at White Sulphur station; Mary and John are deceased; Catherine is the wife of Benjamin Wollen, of Delaware county.

Our subject, Abraham Morey, was born at the old homestead in Perry county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1822, and his boyhood days were passed on the farm and in attendance at the district schools. At the age of eighteen years he went from his home in Delaware county to Columbus, the capital of the State, and devoted himself to the learning of the cabinet-maker's trade, remaining there for a period of eight years,

and then, in 1848, coming to Marysville, which has since continued to be his home. In the same year was consummated his marriage to Miss Abbie B., daughter of Dr. S. F. Kinney, one of the early and prominent physicians of Marysville. Soon after his arrival here Mr. Morey formed a copartnership with Mr. John Ressler for the prosecution of the cabinet-making business, our subject being the practical man of the firm. After one year the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Morey opened a shop of his own, meeting with consistent success in his work. Later on he purchased a lot west of the public square, and here erected a building, in which he placed the necessary machinery, and began manufacturing upon a more extensive scale, the principal output of the establishment being cane-seated chairs. He continued this industry until the dark cloud of war spread its gruesome pall over a divided nation, when he closed his establishment, and, with patriotic ardor, gave himself to the work of recruiting troops, doing most effective service. He was also a member of the band, and in this way his attention was constantly demanded, for the inspiriting music proved an important element in those days when the nation was issuing its call for loyal and valiant soldiers.

In 1866, after the close of the war, Mr. Morey again turned his attention to his business enterprise, erecting a large wareroom adjoining his factory and preparing to push the industry to the utmost. He finally determined, however, that the establishment was too far removed from the business center; and accordingly he leased a lot more eligibly located, and moved the building onto the same. Here he put in a select stock of furniture and began to do a more purely retail business, also continuing the undertaking branch, which had been a feature of the enterprise from the time of its inception. He is distinctively the oldest undertaker in the county, and in the connection it is interesting to recall the circumstance that, in the early days when the functions of the skilled artisan had not yet been usurped by mechanical devices, he manufactured all the coffins utilized in his business. The business flourished and showed a consecutive increase in volume as the years passed and the town received new increments in population, honorable methods and fair dealing having been distinctive features of the enterprise from the start to the present day. In 18— Mr. Morey admitted his son Charles to a working interest in the business, and this association continued for a number of years; in 1880 his eldest son, Henry W., was admitted to partnership, and to his charge was committed the practical supervision of the now conspicuous enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Morey have a family of five children, namely: Henry W., who is connected with the furniture business; Charles D., who has the supervision of the undertaking branch of the enterprise; William M. F., a salesman in the establishment; Albert H., who is a prominent dentist of Marysville; and Estella, wife of Thomas H. Flower, of Albion, Pennsylvania.

Our subject and his family are connected with the Congregational Church, Mr. Morey having been for many years an official in the local organization and a most active worker in the Sunday-school. In politics our subject casts his ballot with the Republican party, with which he has been stanchly arrayed for many years. Fraternally he has been a member of Marysville Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., since 1848; is a char-

ter member of Marysville Encampment, No. 114; and a charter member of the local lodge of the Order of Red Men. All of his sons, except Henry W., are identified with the Odd Fellows.

JOHN T. BUCK, a civil engineer of Morrow county, is a son of Edmund Buck, born near New Milford, Connecticut, April 9, 1791. His father, Israel Buck, was born May 7, 1762, a son of John Buck, born July 26, 1731, a son of Ezekiel Buck, born March 5, 1699, a son of Ezekiel Buck, born January 8, 1676. The ancestry is traced to Emanuel Buck, who, with his brother, Henry Buck, came from Norfolk county, England, to America in 1647, locating in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Edmund Buck, father of our subject, was married September 20, 1815, to Anna Hubbell, who was born in Seneca county, New York, June 3, 1795, a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Collins) Hubbell. She was a grandaughter of Benjamin Collins, a Quaker pioneer, who built the first cabin and became the first settler of Lincoln township, as early as 1815. After his marriage Edmund Buck located in Peru township, then in Delaware county, and came to this township about 1812. His wife's people located here about one year later. In 1817 he purchased the farm now owned by our subject, which he cleared and improved.

Mr. Buck took an active interest in politics, having been first a Whig and afterward a Republican, served as County Commissioner of Delaware county, and as Justice of the Peace of this township for fifteen years. His death occurred October 21, 1866, and his wife survived until March 4, 1874. They were the parents of eight children. The eldest, Israel E., a lawyer by profession, was born May 8, 1817, and died August 28, 1855. He married Sarah W. Van Deman, and their son, Henry E., was Mayor of the city of Delaware, Ohio. Phebe, born April 18, 1819, died December 22, 1883. She married David W. Mosher, also deceased, and they had six children,—Dr. E. B., of Columbus, Ohio; G. H., of Delaware; Annie E., wife of Theodore Blakeley, a merchant of Sunbury, Ohio; Frank, of Lincoln township; Charles H., of Fulton, this county; and Elmore, of Columbus. Collins Buck, born October 29, 1821, was married April 8, 1847, to Nancy Stiner, and they have two children, Gilbert and John S. Priscilla A., born July 25, 1827, is the wife of Joseph Russell. Elma Annis, born October 27, 1829, died in infancy. John T., the subject of this sketch, was the next in order of birth. Annie M., born February 17, 1835, resides in this township. Ruth M., born May 5, 1838, died March 10, 1885. She was the wife of S. M. Smith.

J. T. Buck was born on his present farm May 24, 1832, and received his education in the district schools, the Hesper Mount Seminary and at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, where he took a special course of civil engineering, teaching school during the winter months, and since February, 1857, has been engaged in surveying. He makes surveys for railway lines, roads, streets, ditches, towns, parks, cemeteries, race courses, subdivisions of real estate, conveyancing, drainage, sewerage, maps, plans, estimates and specifications. Mr. Buck also owns a good farm, and in addition to general farming, is extensively engaged in raising Holstein cattle and standard-bred

trotting horses. In 1857 he was appointed Deputy County Surveyor under Thomas Sharp, was elected County Surveyor in 1859, serving in that position twenty-four years; is a Notary Public, and has served as a member of the School Board. During the late war, in 1863, Mr. Buck was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company K, First Ohio Regiment, and in September, of that year, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the same regiment. He is a leader and active worker in the Republican party.

November 19, 1863, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Nichols, born in Lincoln township, Morrow county, July 5, 1844, a daughter of Washington and Mary (James) Nichols. The mother was a daughter of David James. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have had five children, namely: Thaddeus E., born April 18, 1865, is a graduate of the high school at Cardington, also took a special course in civil engineering at the Ohio State University, taught school in this county fourteen terms, and now works with his father; Arthur H., born January 24, 1868, graduated at the Cardington high school and the Columbus Medical College, and is now engaged in the active practice of medicine; Annie L., born October 2, 1871, died October 26, 1875; Kittie M., born January 18, 1876, is attending the high school at Cardington; and Ralph W., born May 30, 1879, is a student at the same school.

In his social relations Mr. Buck affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and is a member of the Encampment; and is a member of the Masonic order: Cardington Lodge, No. 384, F. & A. M.; Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M.; and Marion Commandery, No. 36, K. T. He is a member of the Cardington Council, No. 180, Royal Arcanum, and the Ohio Society of Surveyors and Civil Engineers.

DR. JAMES W. WATTS, a well-known physician and surgeon of Delaware, Ohio, dates his birth in Rodney, Gallia county, Ohio, January 15, 1851. His parents, Dr. W. M. and Mary (Campbell) Watts, are both deceased. They were of Irish descent.

Our subject's early life was spent in his father's office and in attending school, his advantages for an education being excellent. When he was seventeen he began the study of medicine under the tutorship of his father, and continued under his instructions until 1870, when he entered the Ohio Medical College, where he graduated in due time. He took two courses in that institution and one at Louisville, Kentucky. After thoroughly preparing himself for his profession he entered upon its practice at Centreville, Gallia county, and continued there two years. The following two years he was employed as teacher of physiology at Rio Grande College, and at the end of that time he returned to Rodney, his native town, and practiced there until coming to Delaware, September 1, 1892. In the comparatively short time he has been here he has worked up a good general practice and has gained considerable prominence in his special line.

In 1890 he decided to give some thought to the preparation of a remedy to relieve the afflicted and suffering humanity of the liquor, morphine and tobacco habits, and, being a master of his profession, he soon secured the compound that would produce the desired results without first wrecking the

entire system of the patient. At first he began treating in a private way, but in 1893 he established an institute in Delaware for the treatment of all such diseases or habits, and in this enterprise he has met with signal success. He now proposes to give his entire attention to his specialty.

Dr. Watts was married September 22, 1878, to Miss Euphenia S., daughter of Wiley and Sarah E. (Coverstan) Hill, she being a native of Green township, Gallia county, Ohio, born March 3, 1856. They have four children, namely: Mary, born May 6, 1881; Philip H., August 9, 1885; Sallie, April 3, 1886; Belle, February 29, 1888.

The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ABNER GENIER, City Clerk of Delaware, Ohio, was born here March 8, 1861, son of John S. and Phœbe (Graham) Genier.

John S. Genier was a native of France, was an artistic marble cutter, and was an honest and highly respected man. He died in Delaware in 1865, after a residence here of fifteen years. He was married in this city to Mrs. Phœbe (Graham) Burnett, who had one daughter by her former marriage,—Mary Burnett, wife of Julius Bobo, Street Commissioner of Delaware. He also had been married before, and had one son, Charles. His second marriage resulted in the birth of two children,—Emma, wife of Joseph Cunningham, of this city; and Abner, whose name heads this article. The mother is still living.

Abner Genier received his education in the public schools of his native city, and when he was fourteen he started out in life on his own responsibility, working at whatever he could get to do. When he had attained his eighteenth year he took a course in the Delaware Business College, and after that he served seven years as a clerk in a book store and three years in a grocery. In 1891 he was elected City Clerk of Delaware, on the Republican ticket, to fill a vacancy, and was re-elected in 1892 and again in 1894, his re-election being ample proof of his popularity and efficiency. Mr. Genier is also manager of the City Opera House of Delaware.

He was married in 1887 to Miss Ida M. Stimruel, and they have two children,—Charles and Stanley, aged six and four years respectively. Their residence is at 53 Eaton street, and he and his wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is identified with Lenape Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias, and Uniform Rank, No. 14.

JOHN F. ZWERNER, president and general manager of the Marysville Light & Water Company, is particularly deserving of consideration in this connection inasmuch as he is a native of the city in which he has attained to a position of marked prominence, and also by reason of the fact that his career has been one marked by persistent effort, much discrimination and correct methods,—elements which ever conserve a material success. His career has been one of constant application, but one into which have entered various lines of endeavor, and this taking advantage of opportunities and making all things bend to the accomplishment of desired ends af-

fords both lesson and incentive to those who would study and learn of the methods by which success and honor are attained.

Mr. Zwerner was born in Marysville, January 18, 1858, being the son of John G. and Maggie (Gunderman) Zwerner. The father was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and he remained in the fatherland until he had attained the age of thirty years, when he emigrated to America and forthwith took up his residence in Marysville, Ohio. He had learned the shoemaker's trade in his native land and had devoted his attention to the same prior to coming to the United States, as did he also for a considerable time after his arrival here. Finally impaired health demanded that he make a change of occupation, and accordingly he engaged in the grocery business here, continuing the enterprise until the time of his death. His marriage was celebrated in this city, his wife having been also a native of Bavaria, from which land she came to America when only twelve years of age. He was a most zealous member of the German-Lutheran Church, as was also his wife. He died February 12, 1881, at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow, now seventy years of age, still resides in Marysville.

John G. and Maggie Zwerner became the parents of seven children, namely: J. Adam, who is engaged in the drug business at Columbus, Ohio; J. Michael, a resident of Marysville; Anna, wife of Rev. Frederick Zagle, of East Wheatland, Illinois; John F., subject of this review; Mary and Maggie, who remain at the old home; and George, who is employed by his brother in the electric-light works here.

John F. Zwerner was educated in the public schools of Marysville, continuing his studies until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he determined to strike out in life on his own responsibility, being ambitious, self-reliant and willing to work. He traversed the Western and Southwestern portions of the Union, and was absent about six months, making his own way, meeting with numerous experiences and profiting by the same. He finally returned to his home and turned his attention to the tailoring trade, at which he worked for a time, and then successively acquired an intimate knowledge of the brick-mason's and blacksmith's trades, working at the latter for a period of three years. This diversified experience did not satisfy the ambition of our subject, and we next find him employed in the local pharmacy of W. P. Anderson, with whom he remained until he had acquired a thorough knowledge of the drug business, when, in company with his brother, J. Adam Zwerner, he fitted up the drug store now conducted by N. E. Liggett, and the firm carried on a successful business for three years. At the expiration of this time our subject purchased his brother's interest and continued the enterprise alone for five years, when he disposed of the same to the present proprietor. The date of this final transfer was August 10, 1890.

In 1887 Mr. Zwerner became associated with Mr. George M. McPeck in the putting in of the electric-light plant of this city, the same furnishing both incandescent and arc lights and also dynamic power, and being one of the most effective and complete in equipment that the Buckeye State can boast. In August, 1889, Messrs. Zwerner and McPeck formed a partnership with Walter C. Fullington and Jerome E. Davis; articles of association were duly drawn up, and the company incorporated with a capital stock of $100,000, under the title of the

Marysville Light & Water Company. The company at once began the work of putting in a thorough system of water-works, and the following year the same was in operation. There are seven and one-quarter miles of mains, with laterals ramifying into all sections of the city. In the operation of the electric plant the Thompson-Houston system is employed for the arc street lighting, and the Edison for the incandecent system, utilized in lighting interiors. The service rendered in both branches of the enterprise has given excellent satisfaction, and the citizens of Marysville may well honor those progressive and public-spirited men who have invested their capital and secured to the city these modern accessories, now so essential in every place which lays any pretentions to metropolitanism. The official corps of the Marysville Light & Water Company, is as follows: John F. Zwerner, president and manager; W. C. Fullington, treasurer; and George M. McPeck, secretary. Our subject gives his entire attention to the supervision of the enterprise, and under his effective direction not only has the business secured an extraordinary supporting patronage and been advanced to a substantial basis, but the public has been accorded a service that compares more than favorably with that of many cities of much greater population. He was active in getting the springs here, and is one of the stockholders in the company formed for boring for gas.

In addition to his financial and executive connection with the enterprise noted, he has other capitalistic interests of importance, being a stockholder in the Kirby Dry Goods Company, and also in the Marysville Bank, holding official preferment as one of the directors of the former corporation. He is also a director and one of the appraisers of the Citizens' Home & Savings Company, of Marysville. It is needless to say that he is held in high estimation in both business and social circles, being recognized as one of the most alert and progressive citizens, and a man of much tact, discernment and business acumen,—one of the leaders among the younger business element of the city. He is a stanch Democrat, and has served as a member of the City Council, as the candidate of his party, being, however, in no sense avidious for public office. Such men are an acquisition in any community.

Mr. Zwerner was one of the charter members of the Ohio National Guards, being a member of the Fourteenth Regiment, Company D, serving first as a private, then Lieutenant, and finally as Captain. He has also been a member of the Fire Department for seven years, being elected chief of the department when only eighteen years of age.

EMANUEL JARVIS.—At this juncture we enter a brief narrative touching the life history of one who is recognized as one of the substantial and representative farmers of Union county, and who holds a tribute of honor and esteem accorded by those who recognize honest worth of character. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been been born in Belmont county on the 3d of March, 1830. His father, Philip Jarvis, was born in Maryland, and was a son of John, a representative of a prominent old family of that State.

Philip Jarvis was a lad of thirteen years when his father came to Belmont county, this State, and located on a farm, which laid along the banks of the Stillwater river,

being one of the early settlers in that locality. Philip was reared to the work incidental to clearing and cultivating the farm, and while still a young man he aided in the work of building the old National turnpike road. On one occasion, as may be noted as significant of one of the phases of early pioneer life, he drove a six-horse team, attached to a huge "Pennsylvania wagon," from his home to Baltimore and thence on to Washington, District of Columbia, transporting a load of hogsheads of tobacco. Returning, he brought a load of goods from Baltimore, the same comprising supplies of all sorts,—nececessary furnishings and provisions which could not be otherwise obtained in the pioneer locality.

In Belmont county Philip Jarvis was united in marriage to Mary Foreman, daughter of Andrew Foreman, of stanch old Irish stock. After his marriage he settled, in 1831, on a claim of land which he had entered in Guernsey county, Ohio, the same being entirely unreclaimed. Here he and his devoted wife took up their abode in a primitive log cabin in the forest, and, in order to render the little home accessible, Mr. Jarvis cut a road through the woods and thus opened the way of approach. This section of Guernsey county subsequently became a part of Noble county. In 1869 Philip Jarvis and family removed to Indiana, and there he remained until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, his wife having passed away at the age of sixty-eight. In addition to following the vocation of farmer, he had been ordained preacher in the Christian Church, and was a zealous worker in the cause of the Master for more than two score years. In politics he was a supporter of the Democratic party, until the birth of the Republican party.

Philip and Mary Jarvis became the parents of the following named children: Emanuel; John; Margaret J,; Ann; Marie; Malinda; Andrew; Isabelle; William. deceased; Philip, Jr., deceased; and Susan, deceased in infancy.

Our subject, Emanuel Jarvis, grew up on the farm and early became inuured to its sturdy business; incidentally learning the valuable lessons of honesty and consecutive industry. He was granted such educational privileges as were afforded by the schools of the district and to-day he can vividly recall the old log school-house, with its blazing fireplace, its slab benches and its windows provided with oil paper in lieu of glass. Not a pretentious institute of learning was the early pioneer school, but from its precints has issued many a man who has attained eminence in the world.

At the age of twenty-two years our subject joined heart and hand with Miss Lettice Lynch, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, but who, at the age of twelve years, came with her parents to Guernsey county. Her parents were Matthias and Elizabeth (House) Lynch, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. After their marriage Emanuel and Lettice Jarvis resided on the former's paternal homestead for one year and then removed to Monroe county, where they remained for two years, going thence to Noble county, where they purchased fifty acres of land and continued their residence upon the same for five years. Then they disposed of the place and Mr. Jarvis then effected the purchase of the old homestead of his father, which continued his place of abode until 1871, when he came to Paris township, Union county, where he purchased a valuable tract of 228 acres, known as the old Josiah Marshall farm, the

same being located three miles northwest of the county seat, Marysville. By subsequent accessions, Mr. Jarvis has increased the area of his landed estate to 508 acres, and the place is unmistakably one of the most thoroughly improved and most valuable in this section of the State. The present fine improvements of permanent order have all been made by our subject since he came into possession, and include a fine, commodious residence of modern architecture, erected in 1884, at a cost of $3,400,—a home which betokens the taste and refinement of its occupants, and which cannot fail to attract admiring attention. Other improvements include barns,—one of which is 36 x 60 feet in dimensions, with brick basement,—and a model wind engine, which furnishes water for domestic and farm purposes, and which is an essential equipment by reason of the fact that Mr. Jarvis is an extensive stock-raiser, having on his farm at the present time a fine herd of cattle, besides other fine grades of improved horses, sheep and hogs. Additional water privilege is afforded by Mill creek, which flows through the eastern part of the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis have six children, of whom four are living at the present time, namely: Mary E., wife of William Stubbs, who assists in the cultivation of our subject's magnificent farm; Amanda Melissa is the invalid wife of Daniel Griffin Bellville, of Paris township; Philip Cornelius; and John W., who married Miss Addie Belle Shirk, and who assists in the management and operation of the parental acres. Two children died in infancy.

The tender grace of a devoted companionship which had continued for a period of forty-two years was rudely dispelled by the hand of death, to whose inexorable summons the beloved wife of our subject gave heed on the 21st day of March, 1894, thus entailing to Mr. Jarvis the greatest deprivation and bereavement of his life. Mrs. Jarvis was a true, noble, Christian woman, and there must remain to those bereft the consolation of the thought that never was there one more fit for translation into the beauties of the life eternal.

In his religious adherency our subject is a zealous member of the Church of Christ, and has held official preferment as Trustee of his church, and is at the present time an Elder in the same. In politics he follows in the footsteps of his honored father and supports the principles of the Democratic party.

A man who has attained marked success in life by his own efforts, who has ever been just and charitable in his dealings with his fellow men, Mr. Jarvis is well entitled to the prominence which is his, as one of the leading agriculturists of the county, and as one of its most honored citizens.

REV. JOHN GRAHAM.—After nearly half a century of active work in the Christian ministry, this venerable gentleman is now enjoying the rest and repose that belong to the decline of life, in his pleasant home northwest of and adjoining the town of Richwood.

Mr. Graham was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 13, 1822, the oldest son of Samuel and Sarah (Butterfield) Graham. His father was the son of John and Jane (Patterson) Graham, the former being a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ireland, her parents being Protestants in religion. They first came from Ireland to New Jersey, and afterward settled in Pennsylvania.

About the year 1798, while Ohio was yet a Territory, John Graham moved his family from Pennsylvania to Harrison county, being among the very first settlers in that section. He assisted in the building of the first log cabin in Steubenville. After living for a time near Steubenville and Cadiz, Mr. Graham moved his family to Carroll county, where he lived for several years: he next moved to Coshocton county, where he remained until 1837, when he sold his farm and came to Union county, buying and settling on 100 acres of land, one mile northwest of the town of Richwood. Here he passed the remainder of his life, dying April 2, 1850, in his eightieth year.

Jane (Patterson) Graham, the paternal grandmother of our subject, as has already been stated, was a native of Ireland. She was born in one of the northern counties, and came to America with her parents when seven years of age. This must have been about the time of the breaking out of the Revolution, as she was yet a young girl when that struggle began. She remembered distinctly, and used to tell of hearing the boom of the cannons in the battles fought in the vicinity of her New Jersey home. She also related that while she was in the garden on a certain day, near the house, a body of horsemen in bright uniform rode up, and, after refreshing themselves with some cider given them by her father, hastened on their way. After they left she was told that General Washington was one of their number. They had not been gone long before another party, coming from the same direction, and evidently in pursuit of them, arrived. These were the red-coats of the British army. One of them, "a very pretty man," approached her, she being still in the garden, and asked which way the first party had gone. Being somewhat frightened, she found herself unable to give an audible answer. Upon the inquiry being repeated, she answered by pointing "over the hill." The party then left in pursuit of the patriot band.

The date of the removal of her family to Pennsylvania is not known, nor is the exact locality of her residence. It was in this State that she met and married John Graham, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch. She died near Richwood, July 22, 1847, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. The mother of the subject of this sketch, Sarah (Butterfield) Graham, was the daughter of John and Mary (Long) Butterfield. Her parents were natives of Virginia, and were born and reared near Winchester. They were Quakers in religion, and were members of what was known as the "Apple Pie Ridge Church." They are believed to have been of English ancestry. They moved from Virginia to Pennsylvania, where their daughter, Sarah, the mother of our subject, was born July 22, 1803. When she was two and one-half years old they moved to Carroll county, Ohio, settling near Leesburg and Hagerstown. Here her father passed the remainder of his life. Her mother, afterward, about 1834, came with her only surviving son, Thomas Butterfield, to Union county, settling near Summerville, in York township. She remained with this son until his death, in 1845, and then made her home and passed the remainder of her life with the father of our subject. She died about 1852, aged eighty-four years. In accordance with her wish, expressed before her death, her grave was left unmarked by headstone or monument. She was a woman of quiet and gentle nature, who lived a pure and holy life, avoiding anything par-

taking of worldly show, ostentation or display. She left the example of a beautiful Christian life as a legacy to her children and her grandchildren, who hold her memory in loving reverence.

Samuel Graham, the father of the subject of this sketch, had two brothers and three sisters, as follows: John, William, Elizabeth, Margaret and Jane.

John came to Union county with the family and bought 100 acres of land near Richwood, and here he lived and died. Two of his sons, Marion and Isaac, are residents of Richwood. William, another son, resides in East Liberty, Logan county.

William died when about seventeen years of age, before the family moved from Ohio.

Elizabeth, the oldest sister, married Gabriel Hadley. She and her husband lived for a time near Richwood, but afterward moved to DeKalb county, Indiana, where they passed the remainder of their lives.

Margaret married Robert Boyd, in Coshocton county; she soon afterward died, of consumption, leaving no children.

Jane, when a young woman about eighteen or nineteen years of age, married Samuel Livingston, in Coshocton county, Ohio. About 1840 she came with her husband and her children to Union county, and settled near Richwood. Soon after coming here, Mr. Livingston set up a blacksmith shop and did work for the neighborhood. He was the father of fourteen children, nine sons and four daughters. Eight of the sons served in the Union army, seven of them being in the service at one time. With the exception of Harrison Livingston, who died in Richwood, December 30, 1863, from a wound received in the battle of Yazoo River, February 16, 1863, they all returned home without being wounded, having made an honorable record as soldiers, and having shared the dangers of the battlefield with their comrades in arms.

Sarah (Butterfield) Graham, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was one of six children, having two brothers and three sisters. One brother died in Carroll county, Ohio, at the age of fourteen years. The other brother, Thomas Butterfield, as has already been stated, came with his mother to Union county, in 1834, and settled on a farm near Summersville, where he died in 1845.

Nancy Butterfield married Benjamin Hudson, in Carroll county. About 1848 or 1849 they moved to Union county, and settled near Pharisburg, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Their son, Jack Hudson, a well-known citizen of Leesburg township, and father of Samuel Hudson, son of the present County Auditor, resides on the home place, near Pharisburg. Lydia Butterfield married William McGiffin, in Coshocton county. They lived to a good old age, and left a numerous family. Maria Butterfield never married. She lived to a venerable age, and died near San Pierre, in northwestern Indiana. Ruth Butterfield died when a young woman. She was unmarried.

When Samuel Graham, the father of the subject of this sketch, was twenty-one years of age, he went from Coshocton to Carroll county, and married Sarah Butterfield, the date of their marriage being October 16, 1821. After his marriage he and his wife took up their residence in Coshocton county. In June, 1836, Mr. Graham came by himself to Claibourne township, Union county, and bought the land on which the subject of this sketch now resides. After making

this purchase he returned to Coshocton county, and in the following September moved his family to their new home. He then proceeded, with the aid of his sons, to clear and cultivate his farm. On April 14, 1864, while absent from home on a journey, he was killed in a railroad accident, near Marion, Ohio. He was in the sixty-fourth year of his age at the time. His widow survived him eleven years, dying July 4, 1875, at the age of seventy-two years.

Samuel and Sarah Graham were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are deceased.

HIRAM S. INSKEEP is conspicuously identified with the agricultural enterprises of Allen township, Union county, and is recognized as one of the solid and progressive farmers of the community,—one whose family history traces back to the early pioneer days.

He was born, on the farm where he now abides, May 1, 1835, the son of William Inskeep, who was also a native son of the Buckeye State, having been born in Logan county, March 4, 1808. He was a son of Job Inskeep, who was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, with whose history that of his family had been linked from the earliest Colonial days. William Inskeep was married, December 27, 1832, to Miss Mary Stokes, who was born August 26, 1812, the daughter of Joseph Stokes, a native of Culpeper county, Virginia. In 1831 the farm now owned by our subject became the residence place of his honored father, who settled there at that time, the place comprising 100 acres, which he cleared and developed to a high state of productiveness. He was a man of marked intellectual power, and became one of the most prominent citizens of the township, having held preferment as Township Trustee, Treasurer, Postmaster, etc. His death occurred in September, 1843, but his widow survived to attain the venerable age of eighty years, her death occurring January 20, 1892.

Of their children only two are living at the present time,—Olive, wife of William Crary, of Vigo, Ross county, Ohio; and Hiram, subject of this sketch. The following record gives the names of the children in the order of birth: Louisa; Hiram S.; Matilda A.; Olive; Olive A.; William E., who was a soldier in the late war, and a prominent resident of Allen township until the time of his death; Victoria; and Bates. On account of the prominent position which William E. held in the community, it will be apropos to offer the following brief record concerning his life: He was born in Allen township, May 16, 1843, and was here reared and educated. In September, 1861, he enlisted for service in the late war as a member of Company C, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, participating in the following named battles: Stone River, Perryville, Wildcat Mountain, Hoover's Gap and Corinth. He was in battle for fifteen days at the last named point. He proved a gallant soldier, and was honorably discharged at the completion of his term of service. He was Commander of Company D, Seventh Ohio National Guard, at Lewisburg, for a period of seven years. William E. Inskeep died January 22, 1892.

Hiram S. Inskeep, the immmediate subject of this review, grew to maturity on the old homestead farm, and received his theoretical educational discipline in the schools of the district. March 26, 1876, he was united

in marriage to Miss Margaret Spain, whose family had long been one of prominence in Allen township. Her father, Washington Spain, is still living, an honored patriarch of the township, while her mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Ann Shinnemon, died February 1, 1894, at the age of sixty-five years. They had six children, of whom four are living at the present time. The names of the children are as follows: John Q.; Margaret, wife of our subject; Henry Ellis; Sarah Agnes, wife of Luther Wood, is deceased; Algretta, deceased; and Delmer W.

Mr. and Mrs. Inskeep have two interesting children, a son and a daughter: Omer W. and Ila May.

Our subject has a good farm of fifty-four acres, located on the rich bottom lands of Big Darby creek, and the same is under a most effective system of cultivation, with a fine residence and other excellent improvements in the way of buildings. In politics Mr. Inskeep voted with the Republican party for years, but becoming convinced that the People's party advocated the principles best intended to conserve national prosperity, he identified himself with that organization. As a man he is held in the highest esteem in the community, while his ability and progressive spirit are recognized.

HON. THOMAS C. JONES, deceased, was for years one of the most prominent citizens of Delaware county, and indeed of the whole State of Ohio,—a leader in professional, agricultural and social circles. At the meeting of the Delaware county bar held to take action upon the death of Judge Jones, the following address was delivered by General J. S. Jones, and by courtesy of the Delaware Gazette, we copy it entire:

"It was in the year 1859, after Judge Jones' nomination for the State Senate that I first formed his acquaintance, About this time, I had commenced taking part in political discussions, and by reason of his temporary illness, he requested me to fill two political appointments for him in Licking county, (one at Hartford and one at Johnston) and from that time until his decease, a a period of thirty-three years, I enjoyed his friendship. I knew him well, socially, professionally and politically. During our long acquaintance, I was constantly indebted to him for wise counsel and judicious advice. His mind was omnivorous and his capacity enabled him to form valuable opinions on any subject that engaged his attentions. He was not given to flattery and could be relied upon for the expression of an honest and candid judgment. His fondness for society and love of intercourse with his fellow men did not escape the observation of those who knew him in his younger years, and this trait of his character grew upon him with advancing years. He took delight in the ordinary intercourse and enjoyment of general society, but it was the real and true friendship such as belonged to those of whom very few are recorded, that he most appreciated and the absence of which among men of prominence he particularly lamented. He knew the pleasure and value of that more intimate relation of kindred spirits that can trust each other in the confidence of private friendship, and thus lessen their cares and heighten their pleasures by the unrestrained intercourse of sentiment and opinions. He was a lawyer of great ability and was a forcible and eloquent speaker, ranking with the

ablest lawyers of the State. His methods were earnest and direct and he sought the truth in every contest in which he engaged. He possessed the rare combination of qualities that eminently fitted him for the discharge of judicial duties. Upright, deliberate and resolute; a lover of justice, more solicitous to be right than to be popular, with a thorough knowledge of the law, and a mind capable of readily grasping the facts in a case. For ten years, on our Common Pleas bench, he displayed his rare qualifications as a judge, by the correctness and impartiality of his decisions. He was an active participant in public affairs, and always took an active interest in politics. He was a good campaigner, always thoroughly informed, logical in argument and sincere in his conviction: she never failed to instruct and was always heard with favor by popular audiences.

"He served in the higher branch of the General Assembly at the beginning of the war. Judge Jones, James A. Garfield, Judge Key, ex-Governor J. D. Cox and R. A. Harrison and other able men rendered that body famous. It was a 'crisis' that required strong men to provide for the approaching conflict, and Judge Jones' ability as a lawyer enabled him to render the people of the State invaluable services. By his sterling patriotism, resolute courage, unimpeachable integrity and never-failing powers of endurance, he was known by the sobriquet of the 'Iron Man of the Senate.' As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Agricultural College; as an active participant in the efforts to remove the restriction upon the trade in live stock between this country and England; as a member of the commission, under the act of Congress, to examine and report upon the agricultural needs and resources of the Pacific States; as an earnest and persistent advocate of the measures pending before the Congress of the United States to prevent the spread of pleuro pneumonia among cattle, and as a member of the commission to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among farm stock in Ohio, Judge Jones has been of immense public service to his State and country. He possessed the ability and integrity to discharge successfully the duties of any position in the government. Full justice will be done to his memory in all these particulars by others, and I trust I may be pardoned for calling special attention to his labors in the interests of farmers and to his love for the pursuits of agriculture. 'Fairholme,' the name of his country estate, was his pride and delight. What I say of Fairholme, I learned directly from Judge Jones himself, through intimate and close relations between us during his last sickness, and what I say is but the 'echo of the voice that is still.'

"Born and reared in the country, with a strong attachment to rural life, the work of establishing a farm adapted to mixed husbandry, in which a leading feature should be the raising of live stock, he set about the task of acquiring the title to Fairholme, and procured part of it in 1855, and immediately set about its improvement. The following year he arranged with C. Hills, his brother-in-law, for carrying on the farm in partnership, and they together established the first herd of thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle, and the first flock of Southdown sheep ever owned in Delaware county. Judge Jones moved into the residence on Crystal Spring farm, owned by C. Hills, and they carried on the business of farming and stock-growing with satisfactory results for a few years, until the balance of the

land, known as the Francis Smith farm, was purchased by Judge Jones, its homestead improved, and he then commenced its occupation as his family residence. He and Mr. Hills then divided their business, and Judge Jones found that the farm he occupied was not large enough for the successful management of the business he had established, and he determined to acquire more land. His first purchase was ten acres from the northeast corner of the Crystal Spring farm, adjoining the southeast part of Fairholme, through which flows the Crystal Spring brook, thus furnishing stock water for that portion of his farm. He subsequently purchased what was originally known as the Solomon Joy farm, adjoining his former purchase on the east, thus extending his possessions to the Olentangy river, which bounds it on the east.

"Here at beautiful Fairholme, consisting of about 230 acres of land, situated on both sides of the old Columbus and Sandusky road, now known as the Marion pike, something less than two miles north of this city, with its large acreage of luxuriant bottom land, with its beautifully undulating upland of excellent quality, with its crystal brook of clear water, on the banks of which are situated the dwelling, barn, and other farm buildings, with its open-woods pasture consisting of velvety blue-grass, with its beautiful groves of the best and most ornamental American forest trees, its beautiful valleys dotted with flowering shrubs, the crabapple, the dogwood and the native hawthorn, this modern Cicero, our deceased friend, engaged for nearly forty years in the pleasing and delightful occupation of agriculture. To this occupation and the elevation and dignifying of this pursuit he devoted unceasingly the best energies of his nature. His thoughts were constantly occupied in agricultural topics, and with voice and pen he was the champion of the toiling millions who labor on farms. As his highly bred herds of shorthorn cattle, with their beautiful symmetry of form and high excellence of quality and matchless brilliancy of color, and his thoroughbred Southdown sheep, the superior perfection of whose form and excellence of flesh is everywhere acknowledged, are the crowning glory of Fairholme, so his labors for the elevation and dignity of agriculture are the crowning glory of his life. He sought by every means in his power, through legislation and otherwise, to protect the individual land owner from the abuse of corporate power. To a gentleman of the old school of whom it is said 'he never asked any man for his support in a nominating convention or at an election,' it is not strange that modern methods in vogue in politics were distasteful to him. He was a strong Republican from conviction, but he believed it the duty of the moral elements in each of the two leading political parties to use their utmost endeavors to prevent the domination and control of nominations by the 'bilge-water element' of the large cities. He at one time seriously discussed the plan for bringing about a union of the moral elements of society for the purpose of asserting their power, and compelling recognition in making nominations, and in the administration of public affairs. He was greatly rejoiced over the renomination by the Republican Convention of Minneapolis, and considered the renomination of Cleveland in Chicago by the Democrats, as a signal triumph of the better elements in that organization. Judge Jones was perfectly familiar with every phase of religious belief, and with the doctrine of Christianity

as understood and interpreted by the most eminent divines. His religious faith was clear, unwavering and absolute. He loved to converse on religious subjects, and it was a pleasure and profit to hear him. While he understood and thoroughly comprehended the weakness of man, he had unbounded faith in humanity. He took great interest in works of public and private benevolence, and his memory will be cherished and his history preserved as an illustrious example of public and private virtue."

At the meeting of the bar, the following resolutions were also passed:

By the death of Thomas C. Jones we are called upon to record our appreciation of the services of a notable and distinguished citizen who was a member of the bar for more than half a century. He was born in the parish of Myfad, Montgomeryshire, North Wales, February 9, 1816, and died at his residence in this city August 13, 1892. He was admitted to the bar at Gallipolis, Ohio, in the spring of 1841. After practicing two years in Delaware, he removed to Circleville, Pickaway county. Here he practiced successfully his chosen profession for thirteen years, when he returned to Delaware and became a member of the firm of Jones & Carper, one of the leading law firms of Delaware county. In 1859 he was elected to represent the Senatorial district, composed of Delaware and Licking counties in the Ohio Senate and served as a leading member of the judiciary committee of that body. In 1861 he was elected Judge of the first subdivision of the Sixth Judicial district, composed of the counties of delaware, Licking and Knox, and was re-elected in 1866, serving continuously for a period of ten years. He was an able advocate and a just judge. In the later years of his life, he filled with distinction many public positions for which thorough legal training and general acquirements eminently fitted him. He was a member of the Republican convention, and Chairman of the Ohio Delegation at Chicago in 1868. He was a member of the Republican National convention at Cincinnati in 1876, and was one of the leading supporters of the nomination of his old friend and schoolmate, Rutherford B. Hayes, for the Presidency. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Ohio Agricultural College and chairman of its first executive committee. He was one of the jury to award the honors in the cattle department in the world's fair in Philadelphia. In the year 1881 he was appointed on a commission under a special act of Congress to examine and report upon the agricultural needs and resources of the Pacific States. He was twice appointed and served on commissions to inquire into the conduct and management of our Indian affairs. He was an official visitor to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He was the first president of the Ohio Association of Breeders of Shorthorn cattle, and was one of the leading spirits in the publication of the Ohio Herd-book and was a member of the Ohio commission for the prevention of the spread of infectious and contagious diseases among stock. He held many other political positions of honor and trust. Many of the last years of his life were largely devoted to agriculture and its interests, and in every relation of life, whether as lawyer, advocate, jurist, legislator, or as public and private citizen rendered distinguished services to society and to his State and to his country, therefore

Resolved, 1st: That we receive the death of Thomas C. Jones with profound sorrow and mourn his loss, as the loss of one who reflected the highest honor upon the legal profession, of which he was so distinguished an ornament, and that we will hold in grateful remembrance the example of his public and private virtues.

Resolved, 2d: That we tender to his family and kindred the assurance of our deep and heartfelt sympathy under their sad bereavement.

Resolved, 3d: That as a further token of respect, and in further memory of the deceased, we will attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, 4th: That the president of this meeting be and is hereby directed to communicate a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, and that he present the same to the judges of the Common Pleas and Circuit courts of this county with the request that they be spread upon the journals of these courts respectively at their next regular meetings.

J. S. JONES,
E. F. POPPLETON,
B. F. FRESHWATER.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted, and remarks upon the life and valuable public services of the deceased were also made by Hon. J. S. Jones and Hon. H. M. Carper.

WILLIAM B. BLAYNEY was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, October 13, 1829, and is a son of James and Rebecca Blayney. On the maternal side he is of Irish descent, his mother having been born in Ireland. His father was a native of Ohio county, West Virginia, and there upon a farm was reared to manhood. When about twenty-five years of age he began dealing in coal in the city of Wheeling, where he made his home until 1845, when he came to Ohio. A short time after, however, he purchased land in Iowa, and removed to the Hawkeye State, where his last days were passed.

In the Blayney family were six children: Margaret Jane, now the widow of Robert Massingham; George, who resides in Iowa; John, who is also living in that State; Rebecca, wife of Jerome Merritt, a resident of Jones county, Iowa; and Mary Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Starry, who is living in the Hawkeye State.

William B. Blayney spent the first nineteen years of his life in the city of his nativity, and acquired his education in schools which were conducted on a subscription plan. With his father he came to Ohio in 1848, and for nine years lived in Morrow county. On the expiration of that period he removed to Iowa, where he lived for two and a half years, during which time he purchased 413 acres of land. He then returned to Ohio and bought his present farm.

In 1854 Mr. Blayney was joined in wedlock with Miss Jemima J. McCammon, daughter of John and Jane McCammon, residents of Delaware county. They now have a family of four children, three sons and a daughter, namely: John C., Henry C., Fannie M. and Reuben McCammon. Finally Mr. Blayney removed to the city of Delaware in order to better educate his children, and there made his home for seven years. The children were thus fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life and have become useful members of society.

Mr. Blayney belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, his membership being with Porter Lodge, No. 640, and also holds membership with Big Walnut Lodge, No. 794, I. O. O. F. In religious belief he and his wife are Presbyterians and take an active interest in church work. Mr. Blayney gives his hearty support and co-operation to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit, for he is a progressive and public-spirited man. For some years past he has resided upon his farm which comprises 224 acres of rich land in Kingston township. Possessed of good business and executive ability he has carefully managed his affairs and is now numbered among the substantial citizens of the community.

DRS. W. M. and E. M. SEMANS are prominent young physicians of Delaware county, Ohio, successfully engaged in the practice of their chosen profession, receiving a very liberal patronage which is well merited.

These gentlemen are sons of Professor W. O. Semans, well known in this city. Their grandfather, William Semans, was a native of Virginia, emigrated to Ohio at an early day and was widely known as an eminent lawyer. Professor Semans was born in the Buckeye State in 1835, and, having attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, was graduated from that institution in the class of 1857. His fine literary attainments and mental ability were recognized by his teachers and soon after he was engaged as a member of the faculty of the school in which he had so recently been a pupil. Later, he was for some time absent from Delaware, being engaged in business with his father elsewhere. Upon his return he became a professor in the Western Female College, which position he acceptably filled for two years. He was then tendered and accepted the professorship of chemistry and physics in the Ohio Wesleyan University, and is still a member of the college faculty. Throughout the State he is known as a most able educator, and his long service in connection with the educational institutions of Delaware shows the high regard which the citizens of this place have for his ability. Professor Semans married Abigail Merrick, who was born and reared in Massachusetts, and they have four children, three sons and one daughter, W. H. being the oldest and E. M. the second born.

W. M. Semans, the well-known physician whose name appears at the head of this review, was born in Massachusetts, December 29, 1861, and received excellent educational advantages, all of which he improved, and, taking up the study of medicine, he was graduated from the Medical College of Cincinnati in 1887. During the three succeeding years he was assistant physician in the Toledo Insane Asylum. In December, 1890, he located in Delaware, where he and his brother have since conducted a paying and constantly increasing business. In 1891 he led to the marriage altar Miss Jessie Freeman, the accomplished daughter of Edward Freeman, of Delaware.

E. M. Semans is one of the native sons of Delaware, born October 26, 1863, and his entire life has here been passed. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, the class of 1886, and graduated from the Medical College of Cincinnati in 1890, after a thorough course of study which well fitted him for his chosen life-work. Immediately after completing the course he joined his brother in business and they now have a very enviable reputation and a practice which many an older physician might well desire. That they are appreciated here is fully evidenced by their great popularity. The elder brother was secretary of the Delaware County Medical Society during its existence and both occupy a foremost rank among their professional brethren.

JAMES H. MYERS, who is an honored and substantial farmer in Dover township, Union county, Ohio, is a native of that township and still retains his residence upon the old homestead of his nativity, the same having been purchased by his father in 1847.

James H. Myers was born February 18, 1847, the son of John and Hannah (Winn)

Myers. He passed his boyhood days in assisting his father on the farm and in attending the district schools and thus continued the even tenor of his ways until he had attained the age of twenty years, when his youthful enthusiasm was enkindled, as the dark cloud of war spread its gruesome pall over the nation, and he enlisted for services in the Union army, enlisting in December, 1864, as a member of Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the ranks until June 25, 1865, when he was mustered out.

He served with his regiment, which subsequently participated in several of the more notable conflicts which marked the progress of the Union forces toward ultimate victory. Our subject, however, remained at the front but a short time, when he was transferred to the Eighteenth Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, and was assigned duty as guard over rebel prisoners at Camp Dennison, Cincinnati, during a portion of the time acting as Orderly.

After the close of the war he returned to the old homestead and once more devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he devoted his attention to the operation of the old homestead, which is still in his possession, he having purchased the interests of the other heirs to the estate. Mr. and Mrs. Myers became the parents of six children, of whom we offer the following record: Memphis M. received his education in Marysville and Dover, this county, after which he taught the school in the home district for several terms: he is now engaged in farming, having purchased of his father, in the spring of the present year (1894) a small farm contiguous to the original homestead; Milo; James I.; Irwin; Glennie and Asa.

Mr. Myers has a fine farm of 120 acres, lying two miles northeast of the village of New Dover, and upon the same he erected, in 1877, a fine brick residence of modern and most effective architecture and situated upon a most eligible building site, the place being attractively set in the midst of a fine grove of young maple trees. In his fraternal relations our subject is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, retaining a membership in Ransom Reed Post, of Marysville. He is a man of marked intelligence, and has held local preferments of note, his influence in the community being strongly evidenced in all matters of public nature. He has been a member of the School Board of the district, and within that time was a prime factor in securing to the township its fine high-school building. In politics he is strongly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles.

John Myers, father of our subject, came to this county in 1830, locating in that part of Dover township which is still known as the Myers settlement, where he purchased a small farm, upon which he continued to reside until 1847, when he effected the purchase of the place upon which his son James now lives. John Myers was born March 1, 1812, and his wife, who was a native of Ross county, Ohio, was born June 4th of the same year. Both parents are deceased. John Myers was a plasterer and broom-maker by trade, and he gave considerable attention to work in these lines of occupation in addition to carrying on the work of his farm, his services being in much demand in the most diverse sections of the county.

John and Hannah Myers became the parents of seven children, concerning whom we are permitted to offer the following brief

record: Mary is the widow of the late Jesse Cumber, who served in the late war as a member of Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry: they had five children; William M. was a member of the same company as was our subject and was taken prisoner at Chickamauga and confined in Andersonville prison, where he died after enduring the horrors of that famous Confederate "stock-pen" for nine weary months; Joseph K. was also a member of Company F, and served from the time of his enlistment, in 1861, until the close of the war, participating in the grand review at the national capital: he died in 1891; Anna became the wife of Ralph Slack, her death occurring in 1884; James is the immediate subject of this review; Samuel, who resides in Dover township, married Alice Lee, and they have five children; Jehu married Elizabeth Parrott, a native of Wiltshire, England, and they are the parents of three children; Adam C. married Lily Perkins, and is engaged in farming in this county.

JOSEPH H. DAVIS.—One of the substantial and well-known agriculturists of Union township, Union county, is he whose name initiates this paragraph, and his identification with the annals of the Buckeye State has been one of ancestral order, as well as that of the individual from the time of his nativity. Mr. Davis was born in Knox county, Ohio, township of Clinton, on the 22d of February, 1834. His father, Joseph by name, was a native of Virginia, and was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, the son of George Davis, who was the son of Michael, the original member of the family in the old Keystone State.

Joseph Davis was a boy when his parents removed to Pennsylvania, their ancestral State, and he had attained the age of only fifteen when his father came to the wilds of central Ohio and took up his residence in Knox county, whose official center, Mount Vernon, was represented at that time by three primitive log cabins. He grew up in this pioneer locality, and contributed his quota to clearing land, rolling logs, and hunting the wild game, which abounded in this section. He finally attained maturity, and in time assumed family responsibilities and honors by being united in marriage to Miss Lydia Shenaberry, who was a native of Pennsylvania.

The family came to Union township, this county, in 1854, and took up their abode on the farm now occupied by our subject's brother, W. S. Davis, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Here the parents passed the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away at the age of eighty-five years, while the father attained the remarkable longevity represented by ninety-eight years. In politics Joseph Davis was a Democrat of the true Jeffersonian type. He was a man of intelligence and inflexible honor, and in physique was conspicuous, standing six feet and two inches in height, and possessing great strength and endurance.

Joseph and Lydia Davis became the parents of twelve children, by name as follows: Polly, Michael, Nancy, Margaret, Elizabeth, Joseph H., W. Shannon, Catherine; and William, George, and Lydia, who are deceased, as is also one infant unnamed.

Joseph H. Davis, the immediate subject of this review, was reared on the old pio-

neer homestead, and early became familiar with the work of swinging the ax, clearing the land from trees and debris and ultimately assisting in its tilling. In the unpretentious log school-house of the period he conned his lessons and laid the foundation for the large fund of practical knowledge which he subsequently gained in his assocciation with the affairs of life. He first came to this county in 1854, in company with his father, being twenty years of age at the time. When he had reached the age of twenty-three years he married, and in the year following this important event in his life he took up his abode on his present farm, occupying a log house for a time and then erecting a substantial frame structure. His farm comprises 172 acres and is well improved and under a most perfect system of cultivation. The attractive residence and well-kept outbuildings all attest the enterprise and industry brought to bear by the owner of the fine farmstead.

As already stated, Mr. Davis was married at the age of twenty-three years, and she whom he chose to share his lot in life and who proved all that a devoted and helpful companion could be, was Miss Mary Whelpley, who was reared and educated in this county. Her brother, the late Abraham Whelpley, of this township, was a participant in the late war of the Rebellion.

Our subject and wife became the parents of four children, of whom we offer the following brief record: Mary Lydia is the wife of John Peavers; Clara Belle is at home; Mattie Roselia; and Ada Myrtle, wife of James Burns, of Delaware county, Ohio. Three children died in early childhood.

The great and irreparable loss of Mr. Davis' life was that which he was called upon to bear July 19, 1889, when his beloved wife, who had been his comforter in hours of trouble and depression, his loving, trusting and devoted companion, was summoned to the life eternal. Hers had been a life beautiful in its grace and sympathetic kindliness and her death was mourned not alone by the afflicted members of the desolated home but by all who had known and appreciated her lovely character. She was a consistent and zealous adherent of the Christian Church and ever typified her faith in her works.

In politics Mr. Davis is of the same faith as his father. In the community he is honored as an honorable man and a good citizen.

REV. L. W. JAMES, who resides on a farm in Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio, is one of the venerable citizens of the county. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, December 25, 1812, and is of Dutch origin. His grandfather, Jonathan James, was born and passed his life in Loudoun county, Virginia, dying there at the age of sixty-five years, and David James, the father of L. W., was also a native of that county. David James married Charlotte Bradfield, a native of Maryland and a daughter of James Bradfield, of that State. Mr. Bradfield died in Loudoun county, Virginia, at the age of sixty-eight years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James settled near his old home and resided on a farm at that place until 1835. That year they came to Delaware county, Ohio, now Morrow county, and located on a farm where they spent the residue of their lives, he being eighty-three years of age at the time of death, and she eighty-four. She was reared in the Quaker Church and he

was a Methodist; both were devoted Christians and were people who were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. In politics he was in early life identified with the Whigs and later gave his support to the Republican party. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, namely: Vashti, wife of S. T. Cunard; Olive, wife of Isaac Nichols, died at the age of eighty-three years; Mrs. Mary B. Nichols, Galion, Ohio; Mrs. Elmira Wood, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Banker, Mount Gilead, Ohio; Elwood, deceased; L. W., the subject of this article; T. L.; Marion, a farmer of Lincoln township, this county; and Benton, also a farmer of Lincoln township.

L. W. James received his first schooling in his native county. He came with his parents to Ohio, and for a time went to one of the primitive log school-houses of Delaware county; after which he was for three years a student in the Norwalk high school, Dr. Thompson, afterward Bishop, being at that time principal of the Norwalk schools. After completing his studies, Mr. James was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The first year of his work was as an evangelist. Then he had charges at Sidney and in Hardin county. After his marriage, which occurred in 1843, he had a charge at Geneva, Sunbury, and other points, and in 1844 he moved to Nashville, Ohio. From 1845 until 1847 he was stationed at Melmore, and from 1847 to 1848 at Woodbury. In 1848 he bought his present farm, and here he has since resided, carrying on agricultural pursuits and also giving much of his time to the work of the ministry, he having since that date been a local preacher. In his political affiliations Mr. James has always been a Republican.

Mr. James was married September 28, 1843, to Martha Joy, a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and a daughter of Wilder and Martha (Smith) Joy. Her parents were early settlers of Delaware county, where they resided on a farm for many years and where they passed away; her father, born June 21, 1789, died at the age of seventy years; her mother, born September 19, 1788, died at the age of sixty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. James have had four children, viz.: Martha, deceased; A. W., of Mount Gilead; Edward M., a prominent farmer of this county, married Ollie Smith and has two children, Lockwith and Nellie; and Olivia, wife of Christian Stooenover, has one son, Roy.

WILLIAM N. OSBORN, Postmaster and farmer of Sparta, Morrow county, was born in a log house in Bloomfield township, June 24, 1824, a son of Thomas and Olive (Manning) Osborn. William N., the fifth child of his father's family, received his education in a log school-house, and assisted his father on the farm and in the mill until twenty years of age. He remained on the homestead for five years after his marriage. In 1850 he located on an unimproved farm in South Bloomfield township, and lived for two years in a log cabin. Mr. Osborn now owns 210 acres of well improved land. In political matters, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and in 1894 was appointed Postmaster of Sparta. In 1856 he was elected Justice of the Peace, having held the position most of the time since, was Township Trustee for a time, Constable four years, and also judge of elections. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order and

the I. O. O. F., having been one of the first members of the latter order, No. 208, initiated at Sparta.

Mr. Osborn was married in 1845, to Harriet Dustin, a native of Ohio. They had three children: Melinda O., widow of William Jackson; Lucy J., wife of Miller Riley; and Ella, wife of Francis Harris. The wife and mother departed this life in 1863. For his second wife Mr. Osborn married Sarah Miller and they have had four children, namely: Delano, of Columbus, Ohio; David G., who resides on the old homestead; Mary, also at home, and Samuel C.

DR. C. L. DALRYMPLE, a farmer of Chester township, Morrow county, is a son of Jacob and Phœbe (Lewis) Dalrymple, natives of New Jersey. The father was born in 1797, a son of Robert Dalrymple, who came to Ohio in 1805, locating in Chester township, then Knox county, where he was among the early pioneers. The maternal grandfather of our subject, William Lewis, came to Ohio about 1805, settling in Wayne township, Knox county. Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple were married in Ohio, and lived for a short time on a farm in this township, and then moved to Wayne township, Knox county, where the mother died at the age of fifty years, and the father at the age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of eight children, five now living: Aaron, Rhoda Ogden, Robert, C. L., and Minnie Douglas. The mother was a member of the Wayne Baptist Church.

Dr. C. L. Dalrymple, the subject of this sketch, was born in Wayne township, June 16, 1841. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was sent to Camp Mitchell, Covington, Kentucky, next to Louisville, and thence to Perryville. On account of sickness he spent some time in the hospital, and then returned home on a furlough. Rejoining his regiment at Columbus, Ohio, he was honorably discharged after nine months' service. After returning home Mr. Dalrymple spent one year at Mount Gilead, and was then a resident of Greenville, Ohio, until 1891, engaged in the insurance and real-estate business. He now owns fifty acres of fine farming land in Chester township, and in addition to his other interests is engaged in the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Dalrymple was married in 1870 to Maggie Doty, born in Greenville, Ohio, in 1845. Her death occurred in that city in 1885. They were the parents of three children, two now living,—Bertie and Robert. The Doctor was again married, in 1891, to Kate Struble, a native of this county, and a daughter of William Struble, deceased. Mr. Dalrymple is a member of the Methodist Church, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party, and socially is a member of the Masonic order, of the blue lodge and chapter at Greenville, and of the commandery at Troy, Ohio.

SA. MOORE, a prominent resident of Delaware county, and late a director of the County Infirmary, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, February, 16, 1844, the son of Samuel and Priscenia (Thompson) Moore, the former a a native of Big Beaver county, Pennsyl-

vania, and the latter of Athens county, Ohio. The Moore family is of Irish descent, and the Thompson family is of German origin. The paternal grandfather of our subject was an active participant in the war of 1812. Samuel Moore was engaged in farming, having been associated with agriculturism from his early youth to the time of his death. Upon his marriage he located in Morrow county, where he made his home until 1851, when he removed to Radnor township, Delaware county, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. He was a man of intelligence and honor, and was was held in high esteem in the community where so many years of his life were passed. In politics he was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he cemented an allegiance to the same. His widow is still living, in Delaware county, and has attained the venerable age of eighty-two years. Three brothers of the Moore family married three sisters of the Thompson family; John wedded Eliza; Martha became the wife of Joseph; and Priscenia the wife of Samuel Moore. The brothers are all now deceased, but the sisters are still living. All of the sons of the three brothers were soldiers in the late war, except two who were physically disabled.

The parents of our subject had a family of children, of whom we offer a brief record, as follows: Martha A. is the wife of Henry Cox, of Radnor township; William N., who was a soldier in the One Hundred Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, died in Henry county, Ohio; John T., who enlisted in Company E, Sixty-sixth Ohio Infantry, was captured June 9, 1862, at Port Republic, Virginia, and died on the last day of the succeeding month, in a rebel prison at Lynchburg, Virginia; Samuel A. is the subject of this review; Rebecca P. Mayfield is a resident of Delaware county; Joseph Vinton was scalded to death at the age of four years; Ella is deceased; and Henry Moore is a resident of Delaware county.

At the age of seven years S. A. Moore became a resident of this county, where he has since maintained his home. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. During his younger years he learned the stonemason's trade which he has followed successfully to a greater or less extent since. On the 2d of May, 1864, when twenty years of age, he joined Company A, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry and served four months. He was also a member of the Ohio National Guards for five years.

Mr. Moore was married March 27, 1869 to Agnes Ann Ryder, daughter of James and Julia (Betts) Ryder, who were natives of Virginia. For a time her parents resided in Muscatine, Iowa, but afterward returned to Ohio, where the father died December 5, 1869, The mother is still living at the age of seventy-seven. Their family numbered nine children, six of whom are still living: Wilbur W., a soldier in an Iowa regiment; William P., who died in Virginia; James A., who served in the Sixth Virginia Cavalry for four years and is now living in Ross county, Ohio; Daniel, a member of the Fourteenth Virginia Infantry; Granville, twin brother of Daniel, was also a member of the Fourteenth Virginia Infantry, and is now a resident of Delaware, each having served three years; Mrs. Moore, the next younger; Isabel, now deceased; and Harvey, who makes his home in Sacramento, California.

Seven children grace the union of Mr.

and Mrs. Moore: Thomas Preston, who married Miss Edith Hutchinson and lives in Concord township, Delaware county; Homer O., who is with his parents; Charles Monroe, who wedded Minnie Jones; Eugene Clay; Myrtle May, twin sister to Eugene and the wife of Daniel H. Smart; Edna Vey, at home; and Frank Anderson, now deceased.

Mr. Moore is one of the leaders of the Republican party in this community and does all in his power to insure its success. In 1888 he was elected a director of the County Infirmary and held that office until January 7, 1895. His faithful discharge of the duties of this office secured to him such full confidence on the part of those whom he served that a fine banquet was tendered in his honor December 5, 1894, at the Children's Home. About seventy persons participated, including the secretary of the State Board of Charities, from Columbus. On the 21st of December the directors of the infirmary presented to Mr. and Mrs. Moore a very fine set of upholstered chairs, in token of their respect and friendship. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Board of the Children's Home of Delaware. Our subject and his family belong to the United Brethren Church of Bell Point, and are interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. Their home is on a good farm of 156 acres in Scioto township. This farm he rents, but he owns a half interest in 156 acres in Mill Creek township, Union county, and also owns 800 acres of land in Phelps county, Missouri, having lost most of his property in paying securities, but with his characteristic honesty he paid all claims. Socially he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and two of his sons belong to the Knights of Pythias. For some years he has been a member of the Soldiers' Relief Committee, and has spent much time and money in the interest of the old veterans, doing considerable detective work in bringing to justice those parties who defrauded the veterans of the county out of about $18,000, and he is still continuing his devoted efforts in the line of securing to the "Boys in Blue" all that is due them. It will not be incongruous in this connection to incorporate a somewhat more detailed mention in regard to the gigantic fraud and our subject's successful *exposé* of the same. On the 19th of January, 1894, he discovered the one claim of Mrs. Matilda Siegfried, widow of Peter Siegfried, Company E, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and on the 21st of said month he was empowered to proceed to collect the claim. This collection was made on the 23d of the same month. All the field was opened, all claims were investigated and many were collected. Numerous frauds were brought to light, and Mr. Moore has been indefatigable in bringing the guilty parties to justice and in securing to those deserving of bounty all that is due them. All records have been closely examined and much valuable information obtained. At the present time the two fraudulent manipulators are in the hands of the law and will soon pay the penalty for their wrong-doing. Thus our subject has done much to bring about an honest dispensation in the considering of bounty claims in the county, in insuring to the deserving claimants their just recompense and in forefending farther operations in the line of concessions upon fraudulent claims.

In manner Mr. Moore is pleasant and genial and is very popular with all classes of

people. The greater part of his life has been passed in this county, and those who have known him from his youth are numbered among his best friends.

WILLIAM ROWE, one of the leading citizens of Porter township, Delaware county, was born on the farm where he now lives, February 27, 1861, a son of John Rowe. The latter was born in Cornwall, England, and came to the United States when twenty-nine years of age. He was married, at Mount Vernon, Ohio, to Elizabeth Sherman, a native of Bedford, England. After residing on a farm in Knox county, near Mount Vernon, they located on the place where our subject still resides, the same then consisting of seventy-five acres. By industry and good management they accumulated a fine landed estate of 578 acres, all under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had eleven children, six now living, viz.: John H., Elizabeth Huddleson, Eliza Barker, W. M., Frank and Fanny Miller. The deceased children were: Samuel, Levina A., Sarah, Emma and a babe unnamed. The mother departed this life in 1889, at the age of seventy-three years, and the father died in 1891 aged eighty years. He was a life-long farmer, was identified with the Republican party, and was a member of the Methodist Church.

William Rowe, our subject, owns sixty-five acres of the old home farm, where he has all the necessary farm improvements. August 31, 1882, he was united in marriage to Maggie Merredith, a native of Knox county, Ohio, and a daughter of George and Nancy (Stith) Merredith, who were the parents of six children, only two of whom survive, Jonny Benny and Maggie Rowe. The deceased were: Anna Belle, Emma A., Henry and Chester. Mr. Merredith was a farmer by occupation. He cast his vote with the Democratic party, and was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have five children,—Charles J., Frederick A., George Waldo, William Carroll, and Lola Pearl.

SOLOMON WILLIAMSON, one of the well-known citizens of Porter township, Delaware county, was born in Trenton township, this county, September 28, 1832, a son of John Williamson, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father participated in the Revolutionary struggle. The mother of our subject, *née* Rosanna Ely, was a daughter of Michael Ely, who spent seven years in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson had the following children: Sylvester Madison, Peter, William, Lucinda, Eliza, Christena, Susan, Maria, James, Michael, John, Henry, Solomon, David, Mary, and Jane. Three of the sons were soldiers in the late war,—John, Michael, and Solomon. John enlisted September 11, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Michael served in the Eighteenth United States Infantry, was wounded at Stone River, and died at Columbus, Ohio. John Williamson, father of our subject, was a millwright by trade, having built the first gristmills in Delaware and Knox counties. His death occurred at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died at the age of eighty-four years.

Solomon Williamson, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the home farm in Trenton township. At Lincoln's call for 300,000 men he enlisted, August 18, 1862, in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company H, and during his eight months of service suffered from pneumonia and rheumatism. He was discharged on account of disability, and returned home, but has never recovered from the effects of his camp life and disease contracted in the service. Before entering the army he was one of the strongest men in the county, but is now an invalid. In 1883 Mr. Williamson located on his present farm of ninety-four acres, where he has all the necessary farm improvements. In his political relations he affiliates with the Democratic party, socially is a member of the G. A. R., and religiously is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Williamson was married at the age of twenty-two years to Mary E. Nowel, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and a daughter of Henry Nowel. They had four children,—Savena, deceased at the age of five years; Mary Ann, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Clinton D., at home; and one deceased in infancy. The wife and mother died September 11, 1887. In December, 1888, Mr. Williamson was united in marriage to Miss Rosantha Smith, a native of Berlin township, Delaware county, and the only daughter of Rodney Smith, one of the early settlers of this county, but now deceased. Our subject and wife have had seven children, viz.: Lulu Elizabeth, Sirena, Charlie, May, Lucy and Clarence Rodney. The last named died in infancy. Mrs. Williamson departed this life at the age of forty-four years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN C. NEEDELS, one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Harlem township, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, May 14, 1851, a son of Samuel and Christene (Allspaugh) Needels, natives also of that county. They were among the early pioneers of Delaware county. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cubage Needels. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Needels had eight children, — Eveline, Serena, George W., John C., Samuel, Sarah C., Andrew W., and Alice. The father died in Franklin county at the age of fifty-two years. He was a life-long farmer, a Republican in his political views, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother departed this life at the age of sixty-six years.

J. C. Needels was reared on the old home farm in his native county, and received his education in the district schools. In 1876 he came to his present farm of 150 acres of rich land, where, in addition to general farming, he is engaged in stock raising. In 1889 he erected a good, frame residence, 15 x 32 feet, with an "L" 14 x 15 feet, has a barn 30 x 40 feet, and all other farm improvements. Mr. Needels owns one of the best horses in this county, a Killbuck, noted for its style, beauty and speed. In his political relations he is identified with the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the School Board. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

In 1875 Mr. Needels was united in marriage with Sarah E. Ford, who was born, reared and educated in Harlem township, a daughter of V. M. and Elizabeth (Kregier) Ford, both now deceased. They were among the prominent and early settlers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Ford had

eight children, viz.: Frank (deceased), Jerusha, T. B., and Henrietta (deceased), Sarah E., Mary L. and two deceased in childhood. Mr. Ford was identified with the Democratic party. His wife was a worthy member of the Disciple Church. Mr. and Mrs. Needels have three children, —Maud, Frank and Pearl.

ZIBA ADAMS, one of the leading citizens of Harlem township, was born in this county, May 22, 1826, a son of Rolin and Elizabeth (Jones) Adams, natives of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. The father came on foot to Delaware county, Ohio, in 1812, bought land in the dense woods, built a log cabin, cleared his land, and was joined by the remainder of his family. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had nine children, seven of whom grew to years of maturity, viz.: William, Lucinda, Clarinda, Ziba, Fisher, Elizabeth Ann, and Levi. The mother departed this life at the age of sixty-six years, and the father died at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a farmer by occupation, a Whig in his political views, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

Ziba Adams, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the old home farm, and was early taught to clear the forests and till the soil. He attended school in a log schoolhouse, but his business education has been received through reading and close observation. He now owns 600 acres of the best land in Delaware county, has made all the improvements necessary for a well-regulated farm, and, in addition to general farming, is extensively engaged in stock-raising. Mr. Adams affiliates with the Republican party. He is a man of the highest intelligence, well informed on the general topics of the day, and is one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen in his locality.

Mr. Adams was married, at the age of twenty-two years, to Jane Seaburn, a native of Genoa township; Delaware county, and a daughter of William and Abigail Seaburn. To that union were born four children, two now living: George, at home; and John, who is married and resides on a farm near his father's place. The deceased were: Lavina and Amy, both of whom died at the age of thirteen years. The great loss in Mr. Adams' life was in the death of his beloved companion, who departed this life in August, 1888.

NOAH GORSUCH, a farmer of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born in this township, July 20, 1848, a son of Thomas and Anna (Kregier) Gorsuch, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry. They came to Harlem township about 1830, and remained here until death. The father was a successful farmer, and was a Democrat in his political views. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch had six children, namely: Sarah (deceased), William, Jacob (deceased), Noah, David and Edward.

Noah Gorsuch, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the old home farm. In 1874 he came to his present place. He has forty-eight acres in the home farm and forty-one acres in Licking county. In 1892 he erected a good two-story residence, 32 x 32 feet, has a barn 45 x 62 feet for stock and grain, and has all other necessary farm improvements. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Gorsuch is also engaged in the raising of Nor-

man horses, Jersey cattle and Chester-White hogs.

He was married, at the age of twenty-two years, to Malissa Hoover, a native of Hartford, Ohio, and a daughter of James and Nancy Hoover. To this union have been born nine children, viz.: Harry, Charles, Bertha, Lee, Mary, William, Grover H. and Earl. The eldest, Harry, is a popular school teacher. In his political relations Mr. Gorsuch is identified with the Democratic party.

G. E. COWLES, a prominent young physician of Ostrander, was born in Concord township, Delaware county, Ohio, August 6, 1862. His father, H. J. Cowles, is a prominent and well-known citizen of Concord township, and the latter's father was S. J. Cowles, who came to Ohio from New York in an early day.

G. E. Cowels, the subject of this sketch, received a good education in his native place. In 1884 he began the study of medicine, and graduated in 1889, since which time he has successfully followed the practice of his profession. Dr. Cowels is a Democrat in his political views. Socially he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 348.

A. LINN, Superintendent of the Delaware County Infirmary, was born in Eden township, Seneca county, Ohio, September 8, 1854, a son of Walter and Sarah (Hough) Linn. The father was born in Connecticut, was a carpenter by occupation, and his death occurred, in Ohio, in 1878. The mother departed this life in 1864. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons took part in the late war. Clarence was a member of the Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served four years. He now resides in North Dakota. James, a member of the same regiment, died while in service.

A. Linn, the subject of this sketch, was reared principally in Delaware county, and received a good education in Lebanon, Warren county. In April, 1892, he took charge of the Delaware County Infirmary, and has ever since proved an able, efficient and popular officer. The institution has an average of 107 inmates.

Mr. Linn was married, at the age of twenty-two years, to Flora L., a daughter of J. D. Hubbard. To this union have been born three children,—James, Lena and May. In his political relations Mr. Linn affiliates with the Republican party.

JOHN BUDD, a prominent farmer of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born in this township, October 15, 1830, a son of John and Mary (Adams) Budd, natives of Pennsylvania. They were among the early pioneers of Harlem township, having settled in the dense woods. The mother died at the age of seventy-six years, and the father died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a life-long farmer, a Republican in his political relations, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Budd had ten children, namely: Miner, Inman, Remembrance, Eli, Abram, Elijah, William, John, and James.

John Budd, our subject, was early inured to the labors of a pioneer farm. After

reaching years of maturity he was engaged for twelve years in buying and selling stock. He now owns 132 acres of fine farming land, on which is located a good brick residence, barns, and all other necessary farm improvements. In his political relations Mr. Budd is identified with the Republican party. He served as Justice of the Peace for a number of years, and has also been a delegate to conventions many times.

Mr. Budd was married at the age of twenty-two years, to Ellen Seaburn, a native of Genoa township, Delaware county, and a daughter of Obadiah and Esther Seaburn. They have five children, as follows: Harriet, wife of Allen Borden, of Rich Hill, Ohio; Clifford, Adelbert, and Howard, at home; and Emma, wife of Frank Flavil, of Harlem township. Mr. Budd attends the Methodist Church.

F. A. STICKNEY, one of the well-known and leading physicians of Delaware county, was born in Union county, Ohio, in 1852, a son of Hugh and Anna (Baker) Stickney. Our subject began the study of medicine in 1874, under Dr. E. H. Hiatt, of Delaware, and graduated at the Columbus Medical College in the class of 1880. Since 1882 he has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Kilbourne Station, Delaware county. Dr. Stickney is now serving his second term as physician to the County Infirmary. In political matters he is an active worker in the Republican party, and has served as a delegate to State and county conventions. He is a charter member and Past Commander of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 556.

Dr. Stickney was married, in 1880, to Mary L. Campbell, a native of Delaware county, and a daughter of Ransom Campbell. To this union have been born two children,—Ethel May and Edith Folsom.

ALONZO VAN TASSEL, a farmer of Genoa township, Delaware county, was born in a log cabin a few rods from where he now lives, August 29, 1846, a son of John and Phœbe (Allen) VanTassel, the former a native of New York, of Holland Dutch ancestry, and the latter a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father departed this life at the age of eighty-two years, and the mother died at the age of seventy-five years. The former was a life-long farmer, and a Democrat in his political views, and served as Justice of the Peace seven years. Mr. and Mrs. VanTassel had eight children,—Rawson, Jenny Rhodes, Elizabeth Knives, Alonzo, Jerusha Perry, Ambrose Allen and Anna Mann (deceased) and one who died when young.

Alonzo VanTassel, the subject of this sketch, owns 130 acres of good and well improved land in Genoa township, where he has many valuable farm improvements. In addition to his general farming he has also operated a threshing machine for a number of years. In political matters he affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the School Board.

Mr. VanTassel was married at the age of twenty-two years, to Selesta Rogers, who was born, reared and educated in Centerville, a daughter of Elisha and Jane (Tinaberry) Rogers. The father is deceased, and the mother resides at Condit. Mr. and

Mrs. VanTassel have four children,—James Otis, at home; Rosa, wife of William Wise, of Harlem township, Delaware county; and Inez and Austin, at home. Mrs. VanTassel and eldest daughter are members of the Union Christian Church.

DENISON JOHNSON, one of the leading citizens of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born October 19, 1827, a son of Dr. Harris and Mary Ann (Ingalls) Johnson, natives respectively of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The father, a prominent physician, died at Natchez, Mississippi, of yellow fever, in 1830, leaving six children: Caroline and Lyman (deceased), Mary Ann, Joseph, Denison and Harris (of this county). The mother departed this life in Harlem township, Delaware county, at the age of eighty-three years.

Denison Johnson, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm labor. On coming to this county he located on fifty acres of timber land, erected a log cabin, and has resided there for forty years. He has added to his original purchase until he now owns 180 acres of well improved land, and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. In his political relations Mr. Johnson affiliates with the Republican party, has served as a member of the School Board, and as Township Trustee. He is an Elder in the Christian Church. Mr. Johnson is a man of intelligence, well posted on the general topics of the day, is active in education, temperance and religion, and is one of the leading citizens of his community.

He was married at the age of twenty-two years, to Ellen Keeler, a native of Genoa township, Delaware county, Ohio, and a daughter of Colonel D. and Aurelia (Hull) Keeler, a prominent and well-known family of this county. The father died in Genoa township. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three children,—Alice, wife of Albert Mann, of this township; Jay, at home; and Edward Lamont. One child, Orvilla, died at the age of eleven months.

ANDREW J. HARTER, a farmer of Liberty township, was born in this locality September 17, 1836, a son of Andrew Harter. The latter was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1795, and his father, Andrew Harter, Sr., was a native of Lancaster county, that State. Members of the Harter family participated in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. The family came to Ohio in 1808, and three years later located in this county. Andrew Harter, Jr., married Mrs. Crankleton, *née* Jane Conway, a native of New York, and of Irish ancestry. By her first marriage she had two children,—Mary J. and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Harter had six children, viz.: Ann E. and Christene (deceased), Esther Clarissa, Eliza Gillis, Elnora (deceased), and Andrew Jacob. The mother died September 9, 1839. In 1841 the father married Laura P. Buel, *née* Andrews. Mr. Harter departed this life, in Liberty township, May 19, 1879, at the age of eighty-four years. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and was identified with the Republican party, having served as Township Trustee.

Andrew J. Harter, the subject of this sketch, has resided since 1839 on his present farm, which consists of 245 acres of well improved land. He is extensively en-

gaged in raising Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle, and Merino sheep. Mr. Harter has been an active worker and one of the leading officers in the county fair for many years. Politically is a zealous Republican, and socially he is a member of the G. A. R., John L. Hall Post, having served in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the late war. He is also one of the oldest members of Liberty Grange, No. 124, and of the Farmers' Institute.

August 20, 1861, Mr. Harter was united in marriage to Lucy A. Schanck, a native of Trenton township, this county, and a daughter of William and Sophia (Alfred) Schanck, both of whom died in Miller county, Missouri. They were the parents of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Harter have had seven children,—Mamie L., wife of Hon. R. K. Willis; Charles Elmer; Harry S., deceased at the age of eighteen years; John Hoyt, attending the Stole University; Fred. D.; Ernest, deceased in infancy; and Leslie Allison.

DANIEL ULRY, a farmer of Harlem township, Delaware county, was born in Pennsylvania, April 14, 1826, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Shiker) Ulry, natives also of that State, and of German ancestry. Daniel was thirteen years of age when his parents came, in wagons, to Ohio, locating near Plain City, Franklin county, in sight of New Albany. The family afterward came to Delaware county, but subsequently the father went to Indiana. His death occurred at the latter place. Mr. and Mrs. Ulry had ten children, viz.: Daniel, Henry, John, Michael, Jesse, George, Mary, Margaret, Harriet and Sally. The father was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in his political views, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel Ulry, the subject of this sketch, resided on different farms in this county until 1864, and in that year located on his present place of 123 acres in Harlem township, where he has all the improvements necessary for a well regulated farm. In his political relations Mr. Ulry affiliates with the Democratic party.

He was married, at the age of twenty-two years, to Diana Ruggles, a native of Plain City, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel and Sally (Hoy) Ruggles. Mr. and Mrs. Ulry have had fourteen children, namely: Isaac, Samuel, Henry, Jacob, Lewis, Elizabeth, Minnie, Lena A., and six deceased.

YP. BARRY, a farmer of Cardington township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 12, 1832. His father, Elisha Barry, was born in Maryland, in 1789, was there married, and some time in the twenties located in Licking county, and soon after settled in Delaware, now Westfield township, Morrow county, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as Class-leader for over sixty years. In political matters he was first a Whig and later a Republican. His father, Jacob Barry, was of Irish descent, and was a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject, *née* Rachel Lucas, was born in Maryland, in 1798, and her death occurred at the age of thirty-two years. Mr. Barry was again married, to Sarah Allen. By his first marriage he was the father of eleven

children, namely: Eliza, deceased, Maria, widow of Philip Gattshall, of Cardington township; Martha, who resides on the old homestead in Westfield township; John L.; Mary Ann, wife of Jonathan Shaw; Mordicai, of Elkhart county, Indiana; Sarah, deceased; J. Walters, of Cardington; Joshua, who died from the effects of a wound received in the battle of Chickamauga. All of the children grew to years of maturity but one, Rachel, who died at the age of five years.

Y. P. Barry, the subject of this sketch, remained in Licking county until five years of age, was then a resident of Delaware, now Morrow, county until his marriage, spent a short time in the woods in Cardington township, and then built a log house and located in the woods of Westfield township, remaining there twenty-one years. In 1861 Mr. Barry enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company K, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was soon promoted to Sergeant, and took part in the battles of Port Republic, Culpeper, Antietam and Chancellorsville. At the last engagement he was wounded in the left arm by the explosion of a shell, on account of which he was honorably discharged, in 1863. He returned to his family in Westfield township, but in 1880 sold his property there and came to his present farm of 127 acres.

October 17, 1850, Mr. Barry was united in marriage with Hannah E. Benedict, born in Cardington township, Morrow county, December 15, 1832, a daughter of Eli and Elizabeth (Shaw) Benedict. The father was a native of New York, as was also his father, Reuben Benedict, and the latter became one of the early settlers of Marion county, Ohio. The mother was a sister of Jonathan Shaw. Our subject and wife have had five children, viz.: Eli, married, and resides in Indiana; John W., Prosecuting Attorney of Morrow county; Jane, wife of Elliot Brenizer, of Westfield township; Charles B., who resides on the farm with his father; and Elizabeth, wife of James Gillett, of Paulding county, Ohio. Charles B. was born October 29, 1856. He was married September 23, 1880, to Francilla Emery, a daughter of A. G. Emery, of Lincoln township. They have had five children,—Lila, Ralph (who was killed by a shed falling upon him), Vida, Walter, and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Barry have also reared two orphan children, Mary C. Clark and Jennie Pharis. In political matters Mr. Barry affiliates with the Republican party, and for three years served as Infirmary Director of Morrow county. Socially he is a member of James St. John Post, G. A. R.

JUDGE JABEZ DICKEY, a well known attorney of Mount Gilead, prominent at the bar of Morrow county, has a reputation not only among the public but also among his professional brethren that might well be envied by almost any legal practitioner. This worthy gentleman is one of Ohio's sons. His father, David Dickey, was a native of Pennsylvania and the family is of Scotch-Irish descent. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812 and during that time suffered an attack of the jaundice, lying ill at blockhouse at Mansfield, Ohio, until the close of the struggle. He then purchased a farm one mile south of that place,—a tract of wild timber land, and thereon spent his remaining days, an honored pioneer and in-

fluential citizen of the community. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Cook, was also born in the Keystone State, and with her father's family removed to Richland county, Ohio, at a very early day. Mr. Dickey died on the old homestead in 1848, and in 1853 she removed with her children to Mansfield, where her death occurred in 1880. They were members of the Old School Presbyterian Church and took an active part in its work. Their family numbered seven children, four of whom are yet living, namely: Susan M., who resides in Chicago, Illinois; Emma D., widow of Philemon P. Berry, and a resident of New York city; M. R., a member of the firm of Estey, Dickey, Carr & Goff, of Cleveland, Ohio; and the gentleman whose name heads this record. The four sons of the family all served in the civil war as members of the Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry,—Moses R. was its Colonel; Noah C., who was a private of Company H, was taken prisoner in Tennessee, and died in Mansfield, Ohio, in May, 1867; and James McBrier, who belonged to Company G, was killed on the second day of the battle at Pittsburg Landing.

Judge Dickey is so widely and favorably known throughout Morrow county that he needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume. He was born in the little log cabin on the old home farm, near Mansfield, June 15, 1838, and attended the district school until thirteen years of age, when he supplemented his early school privileges with a course in Monroe Seminary and at Vermillion Institute, in Hayesville, Ohio. Not wishing to follow the pursuit to which he was reared, he took up the study of law, January 1, 1859, with the firm of Burns & Dickey at Mansfield, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court of the State, April 4, 1861.

He did not, however, at once begin practice, for, prompted by patriotic impulses, he responded to his country's call for troops, and enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made Corporal. The troops were ordered to drive the rebels from Grafton, Virginia, and subsequently to Rowlesburg, on Cheat river, West Virginia. After the battle of Philippi they were engaged in guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and Judge Dickey remained with his regiment until, with a broken ankle, he returned home on a furlough. In March, 1862, he started to rejoin his old regiment, which had been reorganized for three years' service. On reaching Bowling Green, Kentucky, he found that the bridge had been burned across Barron river, and he took the only train for Nashville, but after going twenty-two miles it was learned that General Morgan was lying in wait to capture the train at Gallatin, and the passengers unloaded, while the train returned to Russellville for a guard of soldiers. Mr. Dickey pushed on ahead, walking a distance of fifty miles, and running the gauntlet of Morgan's men. This trip so lamed his ankle that he gave a colored man his last dollar to carry him in a little mule cart the remaining eight miles to Nashville, but on reaching that place he found that the regiment had gone on forty miles to Duck river. With a provision train he proceeded to that place, but his ankle was so severely injured that he was unfit for field service and he entered the service of a sutler, continuing there until after the battle of Shiloh. He then went on a boat, loaded with wounded soldiers, to Cincinnati, having charge of a ward while *en*

route, and thence returned to his home in Mansfield, Ohio, where he practiced law until February, 1865.

In the fall of 1863, in the celebrated Vallandingham campaign, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Richland county,—being the only candidate elected on the Democratic ticket in the county at that election. He thus served until February, 1865, when he resigned to go with his brother into the northern peninsula of Michigan to engage in hunting and in the fur business, but after seven months thus passed, he returned to his old home, where he again practiced until the autumn of 1866. At that time he formed a partnership with Major James Olds, which connection was continued until the fall of 1882, when our subject was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, second sub-division of the sixth judicial district. In the fall of 1883 he was elected for a full term, and served until his six years' term had almost expired, when he resigned, in order that he might serve as counsel on a murder trial. In 1889 he entered into partnership with Judge G. W. Geddes, and they continued together until 1891, when, on account of ill-health, Judge Geddes was forced to withdraw. Judge Dickey practiced at the bar of Richland county until June, 1892, when he went to Tacoma, Washington, practicing there until April, 1893; but his native State proved his most attractive place of residence, and he has since made his home in Mount Gilead.

The Judge was married September 1, 1869, to Miss Eleanor A. Rhodes, a native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Rachel (Shaw) Rhodes. She was born in May, 1847, and was educated in Mount Gilead. To them have been born four children,—Charles C., who married Harriet L. Coleman, and lives in this city; Edwin W.; Berry B., and Carrie E., all at home. The parents worship with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mrs. Dickey takes an active interest. Judge Dickey was formerly quite prominent in Sunday-school work, and formerly served as Superintendent. He has always been a stanch Democrat, influential in the work of his party, and is a member of the County Bar Association. His abilities, both natural and acquired, have won him prominence as a lawyer, and his power before judge and jury is recognized by a large clientage, and by the general public as well.

SAMUEL WILLEY, who owns and occupies a fine farm of 210 acres in Troy township, Delaware county, Ohio, was born on the farm on which he lives, February 19, 1844, and has been identified with agricultural pursuits here all his life.

Mr. Willey is one of a family of five sons and five daughters of Henry and Elizabeth (Wiser) Willey, the former a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ohio. Henry Willey has been a resident of Ohio since his twelfth year. Eight of their ten children are living.

Samuel Willey was educated in the district schools and at Columbus, Ohio. He was married in March, 1869, to Ellen E. Silverwood, who was born in Michigan and who came to Troy township, Delaware county, Ohio, when she was twelve years old. Her education was received at Delaware. Their children are Arthur J. and Eugene S.

He affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served his township as Clerk and Trustee. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

M. A. HUNT, a farmer of Porter township, was born near Mount Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, November 16, 1839, a son of David and Diana (Clapp) Hunt. The father was a native of Dutchess county, New York, but was among the pioneer settlers of Knox county, Ohio. His death occurred in Monroe township, that county, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother, also a native of New York, died in Porter township, at the age of eighty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt had eleven children,—Albert, Joseph, Charles, John, David, Philip, Milton A., Catherine, Sarah, Debriah and Hiram. Joseph lost his life in the capture of the city of Mexico, having been a member of an Arkansas regiment in the Mexican war. Philip, who served in the late war of the Rebellion, as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, met his death in the action in front of Petersburg, Virginia.

M. A. Hunt, the subject of this sketch, enlisted for service in the late war, in May, 1861, entering Company B, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He took an active part in many of the first battles of the war, was under General McClellan in the Peninsular campaign, participated in the second battle of Bull Run, in the battle of Chancellorsville and other engagements. He was honorably discharged, on account of disability, at Harper's Ferry, after eighteen months of service. Returning to Ohio Mr. Hunt located on a farm one mile and a quarter northeast of his present home, where he remained until 1880. In that year he located on his farm of 240 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation, and contains many valuable improvements. In addition to general farming he is also engaged in stock raising. Mr. Hunt votes with the Republican party and has served as a member of the School Board. He is a member of DeBolt Post, No. 396, G. A. R., of Centerbury, Ohio.

In September, 1864, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Emma Moody, a daughter of Rev. William and Laura (Wells) Moody. The father is a prominent divine of the Disciple Church. The mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Moody had ten children,—John, Emma, Elisha, Rachel, Laura, Mary, William, Walter and Alice. John was a member of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Regiment during the civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have four children,—William M. (a physician of Belle Point, Ohio), Alfred A., Bertha and Lee. Mrs. Hunt is a member of the Advent Church.

LEWIS EDWARDS, another well-known member of the Edwards family, whose history is reviewed in other individual biographies in this volume, was born on the old homestead, being the son of John and Elizabeth (Adams) Edwards, and, like his brothers, was reared on the farm, no event of especial importance occurring during his boyhood and youth. Having arrived at man's estate, he married Miss Emma Dent, daughter of Edward and Rebecca Dent. Their home is upon a fine farm pleasantly situated east of Sunbury and comprising 200 acres of valuable land. The brothers are all enterprising

and progressive agriculturists, good business men and valued citizens, and the family well deserve mention in the history of Delaware county.

ROBERT ROWLAND, a prosperous farmer residing near Radnor, Delaware county, Ohio, dates his birth in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, in September, 1834. His parents, Richards and Mary (Roberts) Rowland, both were natives of North Wales.

In 1854 the subject of our sketch emigrated to America and took up his abode in Cattaraugus county, New York. A year later he removed to Columbus, Ohio, and from there, that same year, he came to Radnor and engaged in farming. He has resided on his present farm since 1864 and has been very successful in his operations, now being the owner of two other farms, both near his homestead, one comprising 188 acres and the other seventy-two acres. His mother died in her native land, and in 1869 his father came to America to live with him, and here spent the rest of his days, and died February 25, 1886. Both parents were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Robert Rowland was married April 20, 1864, to Martha M. Jones, who was born on the farm on which they now live September 2, 1844, daughter of John and Sarah (Thomas) Jones, her father having settled this land—102¾ acres. Both the Jones and the Thomas families were among the early settlers of this part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had six daughters and one son, beside Mrs. Rowland, and Mrs. Rowland and two of her sisters are the only ones of the family now living, namely: Mrs. Margaret Prichard, of Illinois, and Mrs. Sarah A. Griffiths, of Allen county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland have had four children,—Mollie A., Richard, George and William. The oldest died at the age of twenty-three years. The others are at home.

In politics Mr. Rowland is a Republican and has very acceptably filled several local offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Welsh Congregational Church, at Radnor.

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